

# Heartland Genealogy Blog Posts

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Marcia Crawford Philbrick



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## Saturday Tidbits

### To Help Draftees Secure Jobs

Urges Unemployed Men

To Register

*from the Courier Tribune, 3 Feb 1941, page 1*

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## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –



### Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) One of the goals of every genealogy researcher is to solve difficult name and relationship problems. What is one of your most frustrating research challenge that you have not yet solved?

## Same Names!

One same name challenge that I think I've partially solved is in my CURREY line. I consider this partially solved because I finally found records supporting the lineage and also have DNA results supporting the line. I would still like to find more proof. This line starts with my great grandfather and goes back to my 4th great grandfather — all of them with the same name.

- [Hiram M. \(Miles\) Currey](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9VHM-8BG) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9VHM-8BG>. – 1866-1943
- [Hiram M. Currey](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/K8RB-JFN) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/K8RB-JFN>. (1835-1901)
- [Hiram M. Currey](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L6FG-1M4) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L6FG-1M4>. (1787 – ?)
- [Hiram Mirick Currey](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L6FV-LS4) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/L6FV-LS4>. – treasurer of the state of Ohio prior to 1820

I would have to say that figuring out people having the same name and living in the same location at the same time is one of my most frustrating research challenges. My Briles line, full of Noah and John Broyles/Briles, would be an example. Fortunately, other researchers have done a lot of work to untangle this line.

However, my CRAWFORD line still frustrates me. My line traces back to my 4th great grandfather, James Crawford. James was born in 1772 and died in Preble county, Ohio in 1854. According to the 1850 census, James was born in Virginia. James and his wife, Sally Duggins were married in Garrard county, Kentucky in 1799.

James' son, Nelson G. Crawford (my 3rd great grandfather) migrated to Warren County, Indiana around 1830. Also migrating to Warren County, Indiana about that time was their neighbor, James Crawford along with his children and their families. This James Crawford was married to Martha Knight in Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1793. James (and Martha) owned land in Ohio adjacent to James and Sally (my 4th great grandparents).

In 1878, James H. Crawford, oldest son of Nelson G. Crawford, migrated to Dodge City, Kansas. By 1885, my 2nd great grandparents, Washing Marion Crawford and Mary, joined his older brother, James, in Dodge City.

In 1880, Harvey Harrison Crawford, a grandson of James and Martha, is living in Ford County, Kansas. By 1897 Harvey Crawford is living in Dodge City within a few blocks of Mary Crawford, widow of Washington Marion Crawford.

In Dodge City's Maple Grove cemetery, when you walk down the row with James H. Crawford on the south end you will pass by Harvey H. Crawford's stone before getting to the Crawford plot where Judson Crawford and some of his family is buried. Judson is the eldest son of Washington Marion Crawford and my great grandfather.

Even though they lived in the same places at the same times, I've been able to separate many of the records for these two James Crawford families. Their tendency to migrate along the same path at about the same time suggests a relationship between these two men. Unfortunately, evidence to support a relationship is still elusive.

Thus, my CRAWFORD line is my most frustrating research challenge.

## Another Ellis Deed

Have you used deeds to identify heirs? The [FamilySearch labs](https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/) feature is uncovering quite a few deeds where John Crawford is mentioned in the deed. Several of these deeds claim to identify his heirs. This 1848 deed is similar to the first one posted. The difference is that it provides a husband's name and 1848 locations.

Lincoln County, Kentucky

Deed Records

Vol. W 1850-1852

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Know all men by these presents that we Rebecca Ellis & Esther Ellis of the Borough of Mercersburg , County of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania and Moses McCoy & Rhunnah McCoy his wife & Frederick Sponsler & Harriett Sponsler his wife , formerly Rhuanah & Harriett Ellis of Washington County State of Maryland , do hereby nominate constitute and appoint Eli D. Bashford and John McCoy of the County of Morrow and State of Ohio our attorneys in fact to demand , sue for recover , and receive of the Administrator of John Crawford deceased late of Lincoln County and State of Kentucky , any money that may be due owing or coming to us as heirs at law of the said John Crawford – We do hereby authorize our said Attorneys to institute suits in any of the County in the State of Kentucky for the recovery of lands or money , which they may consider due , owing or coming to us as heirs of the said Crawford , and we do further authorize our said attorneys to make compromise of suits or claims if they should think best & proper so to do , and sell the same & make conveyances — Giving & granting to our said Attorneys by these presents our full & whole power , strength & authority , in and about the premises , to have use & take all lawful ways & means , in our names , for the purposes aforesaid and upon the receipt of any such sum or sums of money due to us as heirs of said Crawford , acquittances or other sufficient discharges , for us & in our names , to make seal and deliver – And in general , all & every other act or acts , thing or things , device and devices in the Law whatsoever , needful & necessary to be done , in and about the premises , for us and in our names to do , execute and perform as fully largely & amply to all intents and purposes , as we ourselves might or could do if personally present . And attorneys one or more under them for

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the purposes aforesaid , to make & constitute and again at pleasure to revoke . Hereby ratifying , allowing & holding for form and effectual all and whatsoever our said Attorneys shall lawfully do in & about the premises by virtue hereof . In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 25th day of November , A.D. 1848 ,

Rebecca Ellis (seal)

Esther her mark Ellis (seal)

Moses McCoy (seal)

Ruhanah McCoy (seal)

Frederick Sponseller (seal)

Harriet Sponseler

Witness for

Rebecca Ellis &

Esther Ellis

Robert McCoy

Robert King

Witness for Moses McCoy

Daniel E. Price & Susanah McCoy

Hartman Hay

Fredk Sponsler &

Harriet Sponsler

Jonathan Hower J.P.

Pennsylvania Franklin County SCT

Be it known that on the 25th day of November A.D. 1848 , before me Robert King one of the Justices of the Peace , in & for said County of Franklin came the above named Rebecca Ellis & Esther Ellis and acknowledged the above written Letter of Attorney to be their act and deed and desired that the same might be recorded as such according to Law .

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my  
hand & seal this day & year above written .  
Robert King (seal)

Maryland Washington County Sct :

Be it remembered that on this 27th day of November , in the year  
of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & forty eight , before me David E. Price  
one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in & for Washing  
ton County aforesaid , personally appeared Moses McCoy and  
Rhuanah McCoy , whose names appear as parties to the foregoing  
Power of Attorney and did each and severally acknowledge their  
signing sealing and delivering the same to be their respective act and deeds  
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day  
and year first above written  
David E. Price (Seal)

Maryland Washington County Sct :

Be it remembered , that on this 28th day of November  
in the year of our Lord , one thousand eight hundred & forty eight  
before me Jonathan Hower one of the Justices of the Peace of the  
State of Maryland , in & for Washington County aforesaid , person  
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each and severally acknowledge their signing sealing and delivering  
the same to be their respective acts and deeds  
In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal the day & year  
first above written  
Jona Hower (Seal)

State of Pennsylvania  
Franklin County Sct :

I , James Wright Prothonotary of the Court of  
Common Pleas of said County do hereby certify that Robert King Esqr  
by & before whom the foregoing acknowledgments of Rebecca Ellis and  
Esther Ellis purports to have been taken is & was at the time of  
so doing an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County duly  
commissioned & qualified according to Law , and that the signature  
subscribed thereto purporting to be his is genuine .  
In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand  
& affixed the seal of the said Court at Chambersburg  
the sixth day of Dec. A.D. One thousand eight hundred forty eight  
(Seal) James Wright Proth

Maryland Washington County to wit :

I hereby certify that Jonathan Hower Esq , before whom the  
foregoing acknowledgment was made , and who hath hereunto sub  
scribed his name , was at the time of so doing one of the Justices  
of the Peace of the State of Maryland in & for the County aforesaid  
duly commissioned and sworn :  
In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name , and  
affix the seal of Washington County Court , this 29 " day of  
November 1848 .  
(Seal) Isaac Nesbitt Clerk .

Commonwealth of Kentucky Lincoln County To wit :

I Champe Carter Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid  
do certify that this Power of Attorney from Rebecca Ellis & Esther  
Ellis , Moses McCoy & Rhueanah McCoy his Wife , & Frederick Sponseller  
and Harriet Sponseller his wife , formerly Rhueanah & Harriet Ellis  
to Eli D. Bashford & John McCoy was produced to Thomas Helm  
late Clerk of the Lincoln County Court , in his office with the  
certificates thereon endorsed , as appears from an endorsement  
thereon in these words , to wit : " Moses McCoy & c to Bashford & c  
Power of Att " 1849 , July 3rd P. A. with certificate endorsed thereon recod  
into office and admitted to record . Whereupon , the said Power of Attorney with  
the certificate endorsed thereon , together with this certificate hath been duly admit  
ted to record in my office . Given under my hand this 25th day  
of June 1851.  
Champe Carter Clerk

Exd & delivd Lincoln County Court

Know all men by these presents that we Rebecca Elly & Esther Elly of the Borough of Newcastle, County of Franklin and State of Pennsylvania, and also Elly & Hannah Elly by his order & authority Charles & Bennett Chandler his wife, for nearly Edmund & Anne Elly of Washington County State of Maryland, do hereby nominate constitute and appoint J. B. Bradford Esquire, Clerk of the County of Anne and State of this our Commonwealth, to demand due for us, and receive of the Administrators of John Bradford deceased, his of said County and State of Kentucky, any money that may be due, owing or coming to us as heirs at law of the said John Bradford - We do hereby authorize our said Attorney, to institute suits in any of the Courts of the State of Kentucky for the recovery of such or money, which they may cancel or due, owing or coming to us as heirs of the said Bradford, and do so by their authority, our said Attorney to make compromise of suits or claims of any should think best & proper to do so, and sell the same & make conveyances. Giving & granting to our said Attorney by these presents our full & whole power, strength & authority in and about the premises, to have use & take all lawful ways & means, in our name, for the purpose aforesaid And upon the receipt of any such sum or sums of money due to us as heirs of said Bradford, acquittance or other sufficient discharge, for us & in our names, to make out and deliver And in general, at & to every other act or acts, thing or things, done and to be done in the Law whatsoever, needful & necessary to be done, in and about the premises, for us and in our names, to do, execute and perform as fully largely & amply as if we were and ourselves, as we ourselves might or could do, in person ally present. And Attorney, one or more under than for

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## Purple Heart

### Robert G. Griffith

Army Air Forces  
Rank: Technician  
Service Number 19048329  
Unit: 20 Pursuit Squadron 24th Pursuit Group  
Death: June 6, 1942

*Courier Tribune*  
14 Nov 1940  
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Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith received word from their son, Bob, last week that he had joined the Army Air corps and has been at Hamilton Field, near San Francisco until recently, when he sailed for the Philippines.

*Courier Tribune*  
29 Dec 1941  
page 1

#### Christmas "All's Well" From Son in Philippines

The finest Christmas greeting, received by Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith, north of Seneca, came by cable and telephone. It was a simple message, an "all's well," from Robert Griffith, son who is in the air corps in the Philippines. Robert is a graduate of Seneca high school. He has been stationed at Nichols and Clark fields. The cablegram was the first word from him since October 20. The parents are temporarily relieved but of course remain anxious about Robert's continued safety while the Philippines battle rages.

*Courier Tribune*  
13 April 1942  
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#### Bob Griffith Was On Bataan

##### North of Seneca, Attended School Here

The gallant forces defending Bataan peninsula in the Philippines crumbled under the incessant strain last week. Little has been given out to indicate the number of men captured or casualty, nor number that reached Corregidor Island, where the fort still holds under repeated attack of the Jap bombers. Bob Griffith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith, who live north of Seneca and west of Bern, is believed to have been on Bataan. His parents have had no word for some time to allay their anxiety. Bob was in the air corps. Most of the planes on Bataan were knocked out, and the air corps joined with the infantry in ground fighting. Bob is a graduate of the Seneca high school. He was 21 last January 5. He joined the air corps in August 1940, in California. Capt. Arlie Higgins, son of Mrs. W. H. Higgins, Seneca, is somewhere in the Philippines but from earlier indication may not have been on Bataan.

*Courier Tribune*  
20 Aug 1942  
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#### Bob Griffith Listed Missing

##### He Was In Bataan Action

##### By Bern Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith Seneca route, who live west of Bern, have received official word that their son Robert, former Seneca student, is missing in action on Bataan peninsula. His name does not appear on the casualty list. However, a final check-up cannot be made for some time to come. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith had appealed to the Red Cross in getting some news from their son. The last letter they received from him was written in November. They received a cablegram of Christmas greetings. Bob was serving in the air corps according to last word.

*Courier Tribune*  
31 Dec 1942  
page 1

From Seneca, Major Arlie Higgins, also Bob Griffith, from north of Seneca, have been unheard from since fall of the Philippines. Orville Edman, Centralia was reported missing in the Philippines.

*Courier Tribune*  
11 Sept 1944  
page 2

Robert G. Griffith reported missing in action in the Philippines over a year ago, was declared officially dead May 8, 1944, leaving as his nearest kin, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. Griffith. Mr. Griffith was appointed administrator.

*Courier Tribune*  
26 June 1947  
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#### Announce Identification Of Soldier's Remains

Robert G. Griffith, Technician 3rd grade, U. S. Army, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Griffith, of north of Seneca, gave his life in the Philippines during the recent world war. While it has been long realized that he must have lost his life, his remains were among the unidentified dead until recently.

The following item is from the Kansas City Quartermaster department:

Recent announcement from Washington of the positive identification of the remains of 353 American soldiers, including six from Kansas, who died in the Philippine Islands during the Japanese occupation, is one of the many examples of the thoroughness and persistency being exhibited by the American Graves Registration Service


and the Quartermaster Corps in establishing the identities of previously recorded unknown dead of World War II, Col. M. A. Quinn, Commanding Officer, Kansas City Quartermaster Depot, stated.

The identified Kansans, who were among a group of approximately 1,600 buried in Camp O'Donnell Prisoner of War Cemetery on Luzon and later reburied in the U. S. Armed Forces Cemetery Manila No. 2, include Technician 3rd grade Robert G. Griffith, Seneca, Kansas.

Next of kin of the deceased have been notified by The Quartermaster General of the Army, T. B. Larkin, according to Col. Quinn.

"Identities of the unknown were established by the Office of The Quartermaster General following more than a year of research and study and interrogation of liberated prisoners of war, including officers who survived the period of imprisonment," Colonel Quinn ex-plained. "Certification of the correctness of the identification in each case was made by an Army Board of Review which examined all the facts gathered by American Graves Registration Service personnel and Quartermaster Corps identification experts.

"Those facts included among other things dental charts, on which a number of months were spent in comparisons finally authenticated by a Dental Corps officer. Each of the remains was examined and the clues in each case collected and studied/until overwhelming evidence regarding identity could be presented to the Review Board." Present plans call for a continued study of all other remains that are still in an unidentified status in temporary military cemeteries over the globe in an effort to obtain further additional identifying media, Colonel Quinn advised



IN MEMORY OF  
ROBERT G. GRIFFITH  
TEC 3 USAF WWII  
JAN 5 1921 † JUN 6 1942  
BRONZE STAR MEDAL  
PURPLE HEART

Photo added by [Shirley H](#)

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## TEC3 Robert G. Griffith ▼

<b>BIRTH</b>	5 Jan 1921 Bern, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA
<b>DEATH</b>	6 Jun 1942 (aged 21) Philippines
<b>BURIAL</b>	<a href="#">Bern Cemetery</a> Bern, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA <a href="#">Add to Map</a>
<b>PLOT</b>	Lot 94
<b>MEMORIAL ID</b>	54177964 · <a href="#">View Source</a>



## AI Poetry

Did you see [Randy Seaver](https://www.facebook.com/Geneaholic/) See <https://www.facebook.com/Geneaholic/>'s post on Facebook about the poem he asked AI to write? If not, locate Randy on Facebook and read his post and comment dated 4 June 2024! The poem is in the comments and it is amazing!

Curious about this feature of AI, I decided to try it for one of my ancestors, Washington Marion Crawford, who was imprisoned at Andersonville.

Below is the prompt I provided:

Write a poem about Washington Marion Crawford of Warren County Indiana who enlisted in the 2nd Regiment of the New York Cavalry in August 1861, was captured in Sept. 1863 at Liberty Mills, iporsoned at Belle Isle in 1863 imprisoned at Andersonville between March 1864 and November 1864, transferred to Charleston, South Carolina before being paroled in December 1864 at Florence, South Carolina, was furloughed home to Warren County Indiana and then mustered out in April 1865

And ChatGPT did not disappoint! I got a wonderful poem.

In the heart of Indiana, where fields are wide and free, Lived Washington Marion Crawford, brave as brave could be. From Warren County's quiet, in August '61, He joined the 2nd New York Cavalry, where valor must be won.

Through battles fierce and numerous, he rode with head held high, Until that fateful September, 'neath a Liberty Mills sky. Captured by the enemy, his freedom stripped away, To Belle Isle he was taken, a prisoner of war to stay.

The winter winds were howling when he felt the prison's chill, Yet Washington endured it all, unbending in his will. In March of 1864, to Andersonville he went, Where suffering and hardship marked the time that he was spent.

Through summer's heat and autumn's fall, in that dire and dreadful place, He held onto a glimmer, a dream of freedom's grace. November saw him moved again, to Charleston's Southern shore, But still, he clung to hope, and dreamed of home once more.

December brought a light of hope in Florence, South Carolina, Where parole was granted finally, a long-sought silver liner. He journeyed back to Warren, to the fields he once called home, A furlough granted, a moment's peace, no more he'd have to roam.

April came and with it peace, the war had reached its end, Washington was mustered out, no longer must defend. His home in Indiana, where he could rest and heal, A testament to courage, and a heart that wouldn't kneel.

Washington Marion Crawford, of Warren's rolling plains, Your story etched in history, your spirit still remains. Through trials harsh and bitter, your legacy survives, A beacon of resilience, where freedom ever thrives.

I selected this prompt because Washington Marion Crawford had written a poem about his experiences in the service: [My Capture and Imprisonment](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/02/27/my-capture-and-imprisonment/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2023/02/27/my-capture-and-imprisonment/>..



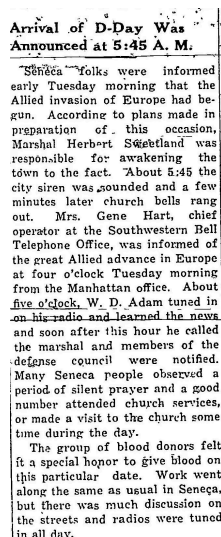
## D-Day

Today is the 80th anniversary of D-Day, the allied invasion of France during World War 2. To commemorate the day, I'm sharing an article from the June 8th edition of the Courier Tribune in Seneca, Kansas.

### Arrival of D-Day Was Announced at 5:45 A. M.

Seneca folks were informed early Tuesday morning that the Allied invasion of Europe had begun. According to plans made in preparation for this occasion, Marshal Herbert S. Sweetland was responsible for awakening the town to the fact. About 5:45 the city siren was sounded and a few minutes later church bells were rung out. Mrs. Gene Hart, chief operator at the Southwestern Bell Telephone office, was informed of the great Allied invasion in Europe at four o'clock Tuesday morning from the Manhattan office. About five o'clock, W. D. Adam tuned in his radio and learned the news and soon after this hour he called the marshal and members of the defense council were notified. Many Seneca people observed a period of silent prayer and a good number attended church services or made a visit to the church some time during the day.

The group of blood donors felt it a special honor to give blood on this particular date. Work went along the same as usual in Seneca but there was much discussion on the streets and radios were tuned in all day.



For more information on this historic date, check out some of the following sites:

- [D-Day and the Normandy Campaign](https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/d-day-and-normandy-campaign?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwmYCzBhA6EiwAxFwfgBriWx_HDuHLPBItYRspDYdSnFP_p_pudRy1_eK0G98p4zQbo0463xoC-z8QAvD_BwE) See [https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/d-day-and-normandy-campaign?gad\\_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwmYCzBhA6EiwAxFwfgBriWx\\_HDuHLPBItYRspDYdSnFP\\_p\\_pudRy1\\_eK0G98p4zQbo0463xoC-z8QAvD\\_BwE](https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/topics/d-day-and-normandy-campaign?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwmYCzBhA6EiwAxFwfgBriWx_HDuHLPBItYRspDYdSnFP_p_pudRy1_eK0G98p4zQbo0463xoC-z8QAvD_BwE). (The National WWII Museum)
- [World War II: D-Day, the Invasion of Normandy](https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research/online-documents/world-war-ii-d-day-invasion-normandy) See <https://www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov/research/online-documents/world-war-ii-d-day-invasion-normandy>. (Dwight D. Eisenhower Presidential Library)
- [Normandy Landings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy_landings) See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy\\_landings](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normandy_landings). (Wikipedia)
- [H-Hour – D-Day Historical Overview](https://www.army.mil/d-day/history.html) See <https://www.army.mil/d-day/history.html>. (U.S. Army)
- [D-Day: The Allies Invade Europe](#) (The National WWII Museum)
- [80th Anniversary of D-Day at Normandy American Cemetery](https://www.abmc.gov/d-day80) See <https://www.abmc.gov/d-day80>. (American Battle Monuments Commission)
- [Every Story Lives On](https://www.dday.org/) See <https://www.dday.org/>. (dday.org)
- [D-Day: The Beaches](#) (U.S. Department of Defense)
- [D-Day – Stories from the Veterans History Project](https://www.loc.gov/collections/veterans-history-project-collection/serving-our-voices/world-war-ii/d-day-june-6-1944/) See <https://www.loc.gov/collections/veterans-history-project-collection/serving-our-voices/world-war-ii/d-day-june-6-1944/>. (Library of Congress)
- [D-Day](https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/d-day) See <https://www.nam.ac.uk/explore/d-day>. (National Army Museum)

## Friday Finds – Emporia Tornado



Today is the 50th anniversary of the tornado which struck Emporia, Kansas. And today's "find" is a combination of photos from the extra edition of the Emporia Gazette along with memories of myself and my brother.



## My Memories

This is one of those 'Where were you when moments.'

On June 8th, Mike and I had been married for about 3 weeks. We had a 2nd floor apartment on 5th Avenue just East of Rural Street in Emporia. Mike's brother, Gene, was visiting Emporia to pre-enroll and was spending the night with us. I was just finishing preparations for supper when I heard a loud noise. A couple of minutes later, the tornado sirens went off. We proceeded toward our landlords basement. I don't believe Mike ever made it to the basement. Instead, he was on the front porch trying to figure out where the tornado was. Unlike today's reliance on cell phones and the Internet for news, our main source of information was KVOE, the local radio station. Thus, we had the radio tuned in to find out what was going on. That's when we heard that the tornado had hit the shopping center. Thinking that the tornado likely continued to the northeast, I was concerned about mom and dad's home on 21st street West of Prairie street. Since mom and dad were at Lake Reading for the weekend, I wasn't exactly sure who would be home but figured Dave and Kathy may have been at the house.

At the time, I was working as a ward clerk (glorified secretarial aide) at St. Mary's Hospital. Part of staff training was the expectation that staff would report during a disaster. Thus, Mike dropped me off at the hospital while he and his brother, Gene, went to check on my parent's house. My parents lived about three blocks away from 15th and Prairie. Mike then proceeded to 21st Avenue by going through the park. They found the worst damage at the east end of 21st Avenue. A house on the corner had been imploded. Another house had been lifted off its foundation with a car dropped into the basement. A house on the cul-de-sac at the bottom of the hill had a 2x4 going through the corner of the bedroom. While walking into the neighborhood, they found Dave and Kathy. The four of them continued walking into the neighborhood to check on the neighbors. They helped put a tarp on the roof of an Emporia State University professor's house. He lived close to the 21st and Prairie area. My husband remembers putting his foot through one of the ceilings of a bathroom as they struggled to get the tarp on the roof.

Sometime that evening, mom and dad were able to make it home. I remember dad saying that he helped the placement director move stuff out of her home that night. Mike remembers dad telling of his overnight security detail where he turned governor away from the neighborhood.

## My Brother's Memories

I lived on 21st street and my fiancée and I were the only ones home at the time. We did not hear any siren but when the electricity went off my fiancée (wife) looked out the window and said she thought it was a tornado. I can't say I saw a funnel but it was the blackest cloud I had ever seen. We took the dog and cat to the basement. We could hear some glass breaking and when we decided it was OK to leave the basement I went down my driveway in bare feet and started visiting with a neighbor from across the street. I hadn't looked up at the until he said something and I couldn't believe what I saw – a few houses east and there was major damage. I went back inside



and got some shoes on and started walking around the neighborhood. A sheriff's deputy stopped me and asked if I had a crescent wrench, which I did. He instructed me to go around the neighborhood and shut off the gas lines.

### Extra Edition of the Emporia Gazette





## Saturday Tidbits

Draft news from the Feb 6, 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune of Seneca, KS.

### **DRAFT CALL FOR THE 24TH QUOTA OF FOURTEEN**

The Present Listing Is Tentative-Will Have Alternates

Fourteen draftees, Nemaha county's quota for the month of February, are to go on February 24th, two weeks from next Monday. The fourteen will be inducted early into the business of getting up early. Their train will leave Seneca. at 2:00 o'clock in the morning.

The draft office has a tentative list of 14 men. It should be understood the list is not exact. Thirteen of the men have passed medical exams. There is something of a conditional report on one man's eyes. Tenth man on the list, Floyd Emerson Downing, Sabetha, is now at Omaha, and report of his medical exam has not yet been received.

The 14 on the tentative list are:

Vernet Harry Randel, Corning

Herman Jacob Engel, Wetmore

Gerald John Wempe, Seneca

Lloyd W. Frederickson, Corning

Edward John Vogel, Bern

Cyril F. Olberding, Baileyville

Wm. Joseph Flaherty, Havensville

Elmer Walter Allen, Corning

Wm. Kenneth Rucker, Wetmore

Francis John Block, Seneca

Floyd E. Downing, Sabetha

Robert Goodrich Wilson, now Excelsior Springs, Mo.

Clarence Richard Hazlett, Onaga

Homer LeRoy Turner, Oneida

Though medical exams are given before the men go to the induction center, some additional men are refused there. The county plans to have seven men additional ready for call as alternates.

The county American Legion is making plans to honor those who will join the service, in a county meeting to be held at Bern.

### **Army Calls Centralia Trainer to Duty**

Harold "Steve" Armstrong, Centralia, who trains fine horses for Burton Lohmuller, comes by his skill honestly. He has spent six years in the cavalry, U. S. Army, is a member of the United States army reserve. Now the army is calling him back. He has been ordered to report to the induction center at Fort Leavenworth, expects to go near the middle of the month.

## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Have you ever written poetry? About genealogy research? Do you want to?

2) You can use the FREE [ChatGPT-4o tool](https://chatgpt.com/?model=gpt-4o) See <https://chatgpt.com/?model=gpt-4o>. to write a poem (or perhaps another GPT tool). Write a prompt with details of what you want to include, and let the AI chatbot do the job for you!

3) Share your prompt and your resulting poem on your own blog or in a Facebook post. What is the poem's title? Please share a link in Comments on this post if you write your own post.

Randy has been having FUN with ChatGPT and poetry. When I saw his Facebook post about the poem created about Randy, his family and San Diego, I had to try it out. My prompt was about my 2nd great grandfather, Washington Marion Crawford who was a prisoner of war in Andersonville. My [AI Poetry](#) See page . post appeared on June 5th.

However, as part of the FUN in [Saturday Night Genealogy Fun](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-write.html) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-write.html>, I just asked ChatGPT to create another poem. This one is about my great grandfather, Hiram Miles Currey. My prompt included a RootsMagic narrative report. Below is the resulting poem:



In Missouri's heart, where the rivers wind,  
On October's breath, a life unconfined,  
Hiram Miles Currey began his days,  
In the rolling hills where the sun's light plays.

To Kansas fields, his family did roam,  
In Kickapoo's embrace, he found his home.  
Through childhood's dance in Leavenworth's arms,  
He grew in strength and gathered charms.

At Nine Mile School, his mind took flight, I  
n Delaware Township, life's future bright.  
William Jewell College shaped his mind,  
With knowledge vast and dreams entwined.

Winifred Mae, his heart's delight,  
In Kansas City, they joined their might.  
With vows exchanged and love's embrace,  
They faced the world, with hope and grace.

Herbert Miles, their firstborn son,  
In Liberty's glow, their lives begun.  
To Lansing they traveled, family ties strong,  
In laughter and tears, where hearts belong.

Hiram and Myrtle, joy did bring,  
In Pomeroy's air, their voices sing.  
Mary Lela's cry in Lansing heard,  
A growing family, each moment stirred.

Winnie Letha joined the throng,  
With Earnest Oran's, their song grew strong.  
A magnetic healer's gentle touch,  
In 1900, his skills meant much.



A carpenter's hands, both rough and kind,  
In Lansing's light, his dreams aligned.  
Through ballot's call, a voice for change,  
In socialist hues, his life arranged.

A wagon bought, new dreams to chase,  
Western Kansas called with open space.  
A deed was sold, a future planned,  
In Rooks County's reach, they took a stand.

Alma Jean's birth, in Plainville's grace,  
A new chapter penned, a family's place.  
From Olathe's streets to Kansas City's might,  
Their journey flowed, both day and night.

Euclid Avenue, Penn's embrace,  
Central's path, they found their place.  
In Logan's fields, their roots took hold,  
In Dodge City's streets, stories told.

Hiram's life, a tapestry grand,  
From Missouri's start to Kansas land.  
In 1943, his journey ceased,  
At Maple Grove, he found his peace.

Hiram Miles Currey, a life well-spent,  
In love and labor, his days were lent.  
From Kickapoo's fields to Dodge City's rest,  
His spirit soared, forever blessed.

Below is the narrative report the poem is based on.

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## AI Issues

Have you been using AI tools to help with your family history research? If so, do you use a tool to transcribe newspaper articles and/or cursive writing? (Please leave tool suggestions in the comments!)

Not only have I been taking advantage of the AI generated transcriptions on the FamilySearch Labs site but I have been using [Sider](http://sider.ai/) See <http://sider.ai/>. by ChatGPT Chrome extension to transcribe newspaper articles.

Today, I tried using Sider to transcribe an image of a certificate for church membership. Sider generated the following:

Certificate of Church Membership.

This Certifies

That *Amelia Maddocks* having in the presence of God and the *World*, congregations renewed the solemn promise and *vow of* her Baptism, *and confessed Christ to be her Saviour and Lord, and having been approved by the Official Board of this Church, and applied to fellowship with us, is hereby* received into full connection with the Methodist Episcopal Church at *Sherman* Station *and is entitled to all the rights and privileges of such membership.*

*Given this 15th day of July 1867*

*Sherman, July 15th, 1867*

*Ralph Hopkins, Pastor*



This is the first time I've asked Sider to transcribe something in cursive script. I highlighted the words and phrases in the above transcription that I believe are different from the wording in the certificate. It is obvious that this AI tool has learned to read church membership certificates. Unfortunately, the wording suggested by AI is not the wording used in the certificate.

At first I attributed this 'failure' to the fact that I was asking it to transcribe cursive. However, when I tried to get a transcription of a newspaper article, I ran into similar issues. Below is the transcription that the Sider tool suggested:

All service men who live in the area served by Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion are requested by Legion Commander Edw. R. Lewis to fill out a questionnaire in the Legion club rooms here on Saturday, Feb. 22. Maj. George Springer is chairman of the committee.

The purpose is to list all former service men in the area together with their qualifications and experience, and even broadest imagination arrayed against Japan and Germany cannot visualize the U. S. coming out of this war without a heavy loss of manpower. The U. S. employment service will be called upon to find men to fill the places of those who have given their lives or have been incapacitated.

The Sider tool got stuck at that point and did not transcribe the rest of the article. Since I've found this tool very useful, I decided to make a second attempt. This time, I enlarged the newspaper image before clipping the article. And the Sider completed the transcription of the article. HOWEVER, while the transcription sounds appropriate, it is not a transcription of the actual article.

Service Men To Be Enrolled

Gov. Ratner Asks They List Qualifications

All service men who live in the area served by Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion are requested by Legion Commander **George L. Lyle** to fill out a questionnaire in the Legion club rooms here on Saturday, Feb. 22. Maj. George **Springberg** is chairman of the committee.

The purpose is to list all former soldiers and sailors and to get information about those who are married or even betrothed. Most of the men are against marriage during the war but it is important to know the status of every man in the event the U. S. becomes distasteful to them. A questionnaire is being prepared and will be given to each man who appears at the club rooms.

The questionnaire will give the name, address, age, and qualifications of each man. The information will be used to help the men get jobs when they return from the service. It will also be used to help the men get into the proper schools and colleges when they return.

The committee is composed of men who are interested in the welfare of the service men. They will give their time and effort to help the men in every way possible.

The service is not mandatory but every man who can is urged to come to the club rooms on Feb. 22 and fill out the questionnaire. The names of the men who fill out the forms will be kept on file and will be available to the various veterans organizations.

Below is my transcription of the newspaper article followed by an image of the article.

#### Service Men To Be Enrolled

##### Gov. Ratner Asks They List Qualifications

All service men who live in the area served by Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion are requested by Legion Commander Edw R. Levick to fill out a questionnaire in the Legion club rooms here on Saturday, Feb. 22. Maj. George Springer is chairman of the committee.

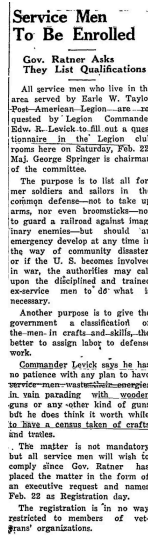
The purpose is to list all former soldiers and sailors in the common defense – not to take up arms, nor even broomsticks – not to guard a railroad against imaginary enemies – but should an emergency develop at any time in the way of community disaster or if the U.S. becomes involved in war, the authorities may call upon the disciplined and trained ex-service men to do what is necessary.

Another purpose is to give the government a classification of the men in crafts and skills, the better to assign labor to defense work.

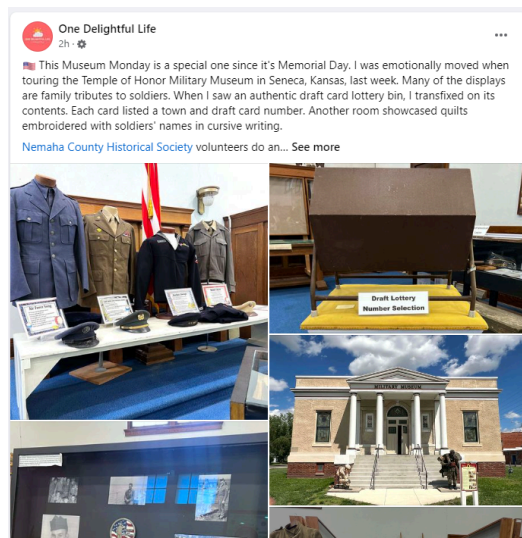
Commander Levick says he has no patience with any plan to have service men waste their energies in vain parading with wooden guns or any other kind of guns but he does think it worth while to have a census taken of crafts and trades.

The matter is not mandatory but all service men will wish to comply since Gov. Ratner has placed the matter in the form of an executive request and names Feb. 22 as Registration day.

The registration is in no way restricted to members of veterans' organizations.



## Travel Bloggers

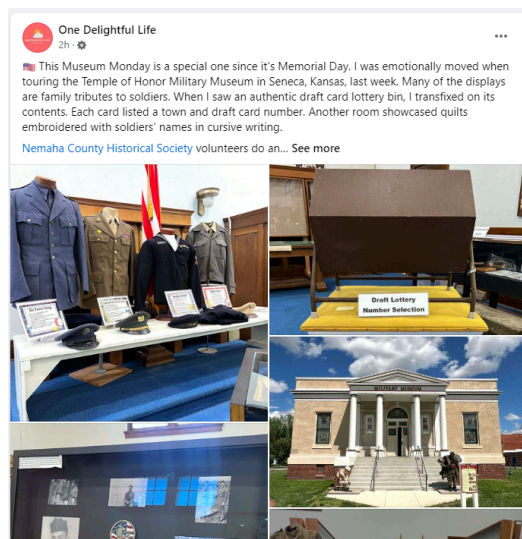


Do you volunteer at a local historical or genealogical society? If so, have you worked with a travel blogger? Even though I realize that many genealogy bloggers are either professional genealogists or use advertising to support their blog, I was not aware of the travel blogger occupation.

I had my first experience with a travel blogger when the Nemaha County Historical Society hosted Seth Varner and [Wandermore Publishing](https://wandermorepublishing.com/) See <https://wandermorepublishing.com/>. in March 2023. After touring the local sites, including the historical society's museums, Seth shared photos of Seneca on his Facebook page [Wandermore in Kansas](https://www.facebook.com/visit627kansas..) See <https://www.facebook.com/visit627kansas..>



This past week, the historical society hosted another travel blogger, Vanessa Whiteside of [One Delightful Life](https://onedelightfullife.com/) See <https://onedelightfullife.com/>. Vanessa spent almost two hours with us touring our museums. On Memorial Day, One Delightful Life share a [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/OneDelightfulLife) See <https://www.facebook.com/OneDelightfulLife>. post about Nemaha County Historical Society's Military Museum.



It's been a joy to welcome these travel bloggers to Seneca, Kansas. We truly appreciate their skills in promoting our little town and the Nemaha County Historical Society.

## AI Biography

Have you used your genealogy software to generate a report about an individual in your tree? I often rely on Roots Magic's Narrative Report for such a task. Today, I experimented with ChatGPT to see what sort of biography it would create using the information from a narrative report.

Below is the AI generated biography for my second great grandfather, Hiram M. Currey.



### Biography of Hiram Miles Currey

#### Early Life and Education

Hiram Miles Currey was born on October 23, 1866, in Missouri. His early childhood saw him residing in Kickapoo, Leavenworth, Kansas, as evidenced by records from July 20, 1870, and July 1875. By July 1880, his family had moved to Delaware Township, Leavenworth County, Kansas. He attended Nine Mile School in Leavenworth, Kansas, on May 7, 1881. Furthering his education, Hiram studied at William Jewell College in Liberty, Clay, Missouri, between 1890 and 1891.

#### Family Life

On May 13, 1891, Hiram married Winifred Mae Hutchinson in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Together, they had several children: Herbert Miles Currey, born on April 3, 1895, in Liberty, Missouri; Hiram Currey, born on August 11, 1897, in Leavenworth County, Kansas; Myrtle Irene Currey, born on January 11, 1899, in Pomeroy, Kansas; Mary Lela Currey, born on August 17, 1901, in Lansing, Kansas; Winnie Letha Currey, born on June 30, 1903, in Lansing; Earnest Oran Currey, born on April 5, 1906, in Lansing; and Alma Jean Currey, born on April 5, 1912, in Plainville, Kansas.

#### Career and Movements

Hiram's career varied significantly over the years. In 1900, he worked as a magnetic healer, living in Delaware Township, Leavenworth County. By 1902, he was residing in Lansing, Kansas. In 1903, he was employed as a topman in Lansing. By 1907, he had transitioned to carpentry. Hiram was also politically active, running for the office of clerk of the district court on the socialist ticket in Leavenworth, Kansas, in September 1906.

#### Relocations

Hiram and his family moved frequently. By 1910, they had relocated to Rooks County, Kansas. Following the birth of Alma Jean in 1912, the family settled in Olathe, Johnson County, Kansas. In 1915, they moved to Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, and by 1919, they were living on Penn Avenue in Kansas City. In 1920, they lived on Central Avenue in Kansas City. By 1925, Hiram had moved to Logan, Gray County, Kansas. In the early 1930s, he relocated to Dodge City, Ford County, Kansas, where he resided at various addresses, including 510 1/2 Avenue G in 1930 and 512 Avenue G by 1940.

#### Later Years and Death

Hiram's later years were spent in Dodge City, Kansas. He passed away on September 15, 1943, at the age of 76. He was buried on September 18, 1943, at Maple Grove Cemetery in Dodge City.

#### Winifred Mae Currey

Winifred Mae "Winnie" Hutchinson was born on May 6, 1871, in Osage, Mitchell, Iowa. She was the daughter of Albert Hutchinson and Julia Harding. Winifred spent her early years in Iowa, living in Douglas Township in 1880 and Jackson Township in 1885. She married Hiram on May 13, 1891, in Kansas City, Missouri. Winifred passed away on September 23, 1913, in Olathe, Kansas, at the age of 42, and was buried on September 25, 1913, at Olathe City Cemetery in Olathe, Kansas.

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Hiram Miles Currey and Winifred Mae "Winnie" Hutchinson<sup>45</sup>See page .<sup>51</sup>See page . were married on 13 May 1891 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.<sup>13</sup>See page .<sup>15</sup>See page . **Winifred Mae "Winnie" Hutchinson**, daughter of Albert Hutchinson and Julia Harding, was born on 6 May 1871 in Osage, Mitchell, Iowa, United States.<sup>1</sup>See page .<sup>52</sup>See page .<sup>54</sup>See page . She was the child of Julia Harding and Albert Hutchinson.<sup>55</sup>See page . She lived in Douglas Township, Mitchell, Iowa, United States on 2 Jun 1880.<sup>56</sup>See page . Winnie lived in Jackson Township, Bremer, Iowa, United States in Jul 1885.<sup>54</sup>See page . She married Hiram Miles Currey on 13 May 1891 in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.<sup>13</sup>See page .<sup>15</sup>See page . On 3 Apr 1895, a child named Herbert Miles Currey was born in Liberty, Clay, Missouri, United States. On 11 Aug 1897, a child named Hiram Currey was born in Leavenworth County, Kansas. On 11 Jan 1899, a child named Myrtle Irene Currey was born in Pomeroy, Wyandotte, Kansas, United States. She lived in Delaware Township, Leavenworth County, Kansas in Jun 1900.<sup>17</sup>See page . On 17 Aug 1901, a child named Mary Lela Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas. On 30 Jun 1903, a child named Winnie Letha Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas. She lived in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas in Jul 1905.<sup>21</sup>See page . On 5 Apr 1906, a child named Earnest Oran Currey was born in Lansing, Leavenworth County, Kansas. Winnie lived in Rooks County, Kansas in Jul 1910.<sup>30</sup>See page . She was the mother of Alma Jean Currey who was born on 5 Apr 1912 in Plainville, Rooks County, Kansas.<sup>31</sup>See page . She died on 23 Sep 1913 in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, United States at the age of 42.<sup>1</sup>See page .<sup>52</sup>See page .<sup>53</sup>See page .<sup>57</sup>See page .<sup>59</sup>See page . Winnie was buried on 25 Sep 1913 at Olathe City Cemetery in Olathe, Johnson, Kansas, United States.<sup>53</sup>See page .<sup>57</sup>See page .<sup>60</sup>See page .<sup>62</sup>See page .

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## Animoto

Do you have a lot of 'tech tools' in your toolbox? Over the years I've used a wide variety of tech tools in my job as a librarian and technology coordinator. As a retiree, I'm using some of those same tools as an amateur genealogist and blogger.

Recently, I dug into my toolbox from over 10 years ago to see whether the [Animoto](https://animoto.com/) website still existed. To my amazement, it not only still exists but it still has a free version. With Animoto, I can quickly turn a group of photos into a video. I used the free version (Animoto branding and all) to create simple videos using photos taken of various exhibits in the Nemaha County Historical Society's museums.

For these projects I

- Identified a group of photos
- Selected an Animoto theme
- Uploaded the photos
- Entered a title
- Changed the background song on one of the videos but used the default song on the other two
- Let Animoto create my video at 720p
- Downloaded the completed video
- Uploaded the video to one of the historical society's YouTube (Google for nonprofits) accounts
- Shared the videos on Facebook (and now via this blog)

It's super easy and relatively fast. Try it for yourself with some of your family photos!

### Nemaha County Military Temple of Honor

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=Klf5RIHFseM>



### Nemaha County Historical Society Annex 2 Exhibits

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=V6CCEJWKL08>



**Sheriffs Residence Nemaha County Historical Society**  
**720p**

[https://youtube.com/watch?v=YWxMk9I\\_IVE](https://youtube.com/watch?v=YWxMk9I_IVE)



## Friday Find

## Burke Family Court Case

Parties: Children of Henry F. Burke

- Sarah Burke, wife of Guilford Hornbuckle
- Angelina Burke, wife of Hiram Currey
- John M. Burke
- Milton E. Burke

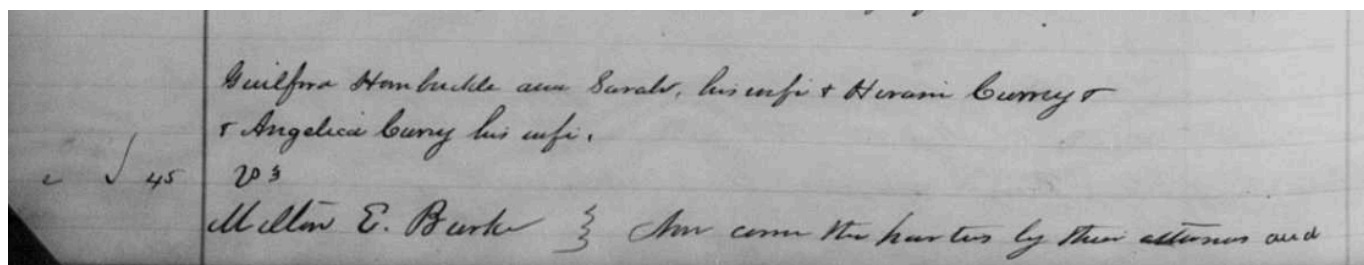
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Guilford Hornbuckle and Sarah, his wife and Hiram Currey and Angelina Currey his wife vs.

Milton E. Burke

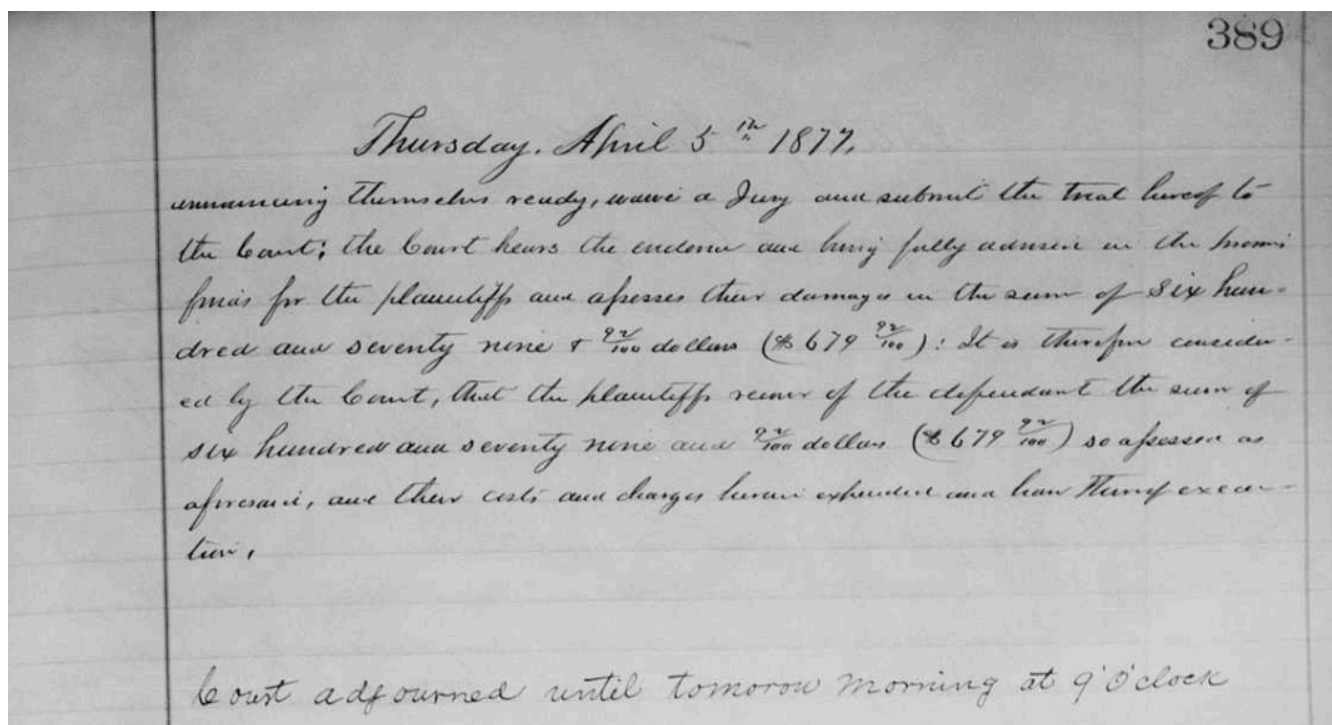
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announcing themselves ready, wave a jury and submit the trial brief to the court: the court hears the evidence and being fully advised in the [p?] finds for the plaintiff and assesses them damages in the sum of six hundred and seventy nine and 92/100 dollars (\$679 92/100) it is therefore considered by the court that the plaintiff recover of the defendant the sum of six hundred and seventy and 92/100 dollars (679 92/100) so assessed as aforesaid and there costs and charges herein expended and have thereof execution.



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Tuesday, April 10, 1877

Guilford Hornbuckle and Sarah Hornbuckle his wife  
Hiram Curry & Angelina Curry his wife  
vs John M. Burke and Milton E Burke

Now at this day came  
the parties herein  
by their attorneys &  
thus causes coming on  
for a hearing the same is substituted to the court by agreement; the court  
having duly considered the papers and exhibits therein together with the  
arguments of counsel, order, adjudges and decrees that the judgement  
rendered herein by the Weston court of Common Please be affirmed  
and that a copy hereof be certified to said common pleas court

(Furnished by J W Coburn)

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& Hiram Curry & Angelina Curry, his wife,  
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on file: also their motion [to] arrest of the judgement herein which by a  
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## Saturday Tidbits

While many of the previous Saturday Tidbit posts have been about the 1940 military draft for Nemaha county, the newspapers are shifting away from draft news to military news in general. Below is the military news from the front page of the 10 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune (Seneca, Kansas).

### Service Men To Be Enrolled

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All service men who live in the area served by Earle W. Taylor Post American Legion are requested by Legion Commander Edw R. Levick to fill out a questionnaire in the Legion club rooms here on Saturday, Feb. 22. Maj. George Springer is chairman of the committee.

The purpose is to list all former soldiers and sailors in the common defense – not to take up arms, nor even broomsticks – not to guard a railroad against imaginary enemies – but should an emergency develop at any time in the way of community disaster or if the U.S. becomes involved in war, the authorities may call upon the disciplined and trained ex-service men to do what is necessary.

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## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

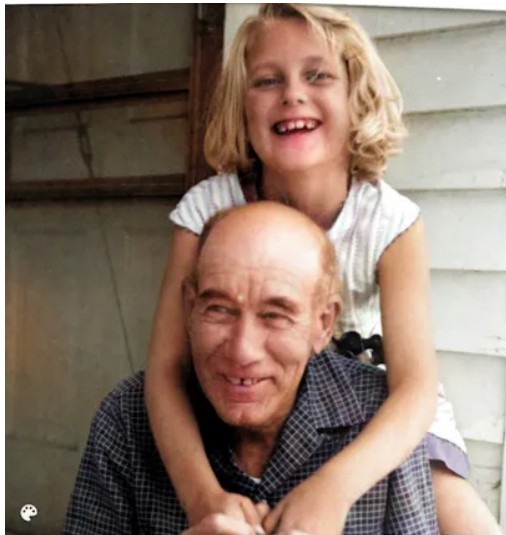
Time For Some More [Genealogy Fun](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-three.html) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-three.html>!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

**1) It's Father's Day on Sunday. Tell us three things about your father, or one of your grandfathers (or another male ancestor), that have influenced you in your life.**

Since my mother's father died when I was very young, I only have two male ancestors that had an influence on my life: my father, Eugene D. Crawford and his father, Leon R. Crawford.

While we moved away from my grandparents when I was in junior high, my grandfather had a quiet influence on my life.



- Faith – While I never heard my grandfather discuss his faith, his actions revealed his deep faith. He and my grandmother started their day by reading a devotional: Upper Room. Sundays would find him attending early church service. This faith saw my grandfather through world war I, the death of his younger brother in a railroading accident, and the death of two children – one his first born as an infant and the second was his youngest who died as a young adult.
- Marriage – My grandfather's willingness to do the dishes showed that he viewed marriage as a partnership. The dozen roses his wife received on their anniversary each Christmas eve was a visual reminder of his love for my grandfather.



In addition to faith and marriage, my father greatly influenced my career life. I became a teacher because of my dad being a teacher. I became a science teacher because my dad not only required me to take science every year of high school but also to take Chemistry I as a college freshman. I'm certain that the problem solving skills my father helped me develop as a young child allowed me to utilize those skills as computers were introduced into Nemaha Valley High School. My forty two year career as a science teacher and then a technology coordinator are the evidence of this influence my dad had on my life.

## Design Updates

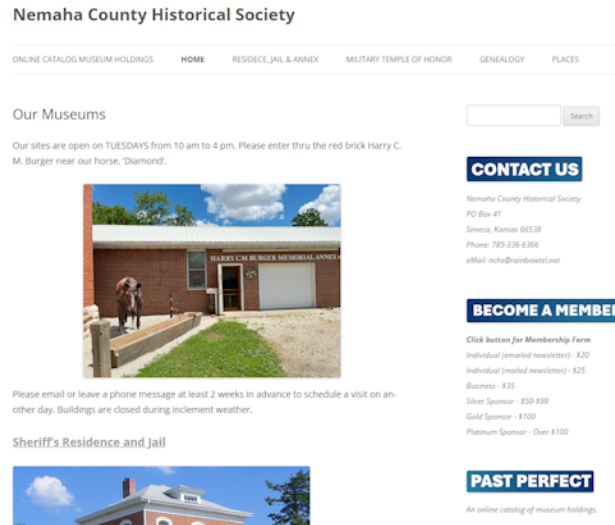
Have you thought about how web site design has changed over the years? I'm sure most people haven't.

I'm going to show my age here and state that web sites used to be designed to fit the major content on a computer monitor. Thus, the pages were wider and short. Our reliance on cell phones has caused a change in those design concepts. Now it's OK for a web site to require a visitor to scroll to view content. In some cases, the hosting platform can transition sites designed for the desktop into a site that works on our cell phones. Unfortunately that is not true in all cases.

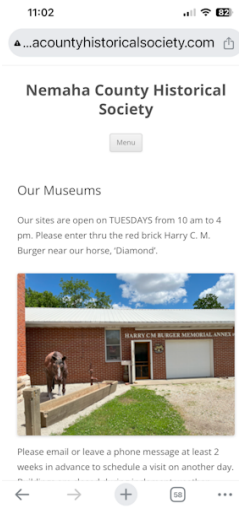
While planning a trip to an area historical museum, I was looking at a variety of websites on my phone, including the site for the [Nemaha County Historical Society](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/). See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/>.. In the process, I discovered that Nemaha County Historical Society's website was one of those sites that did not work well on a phone. Since it was created years ago, I'm sure the design was for a desktop monitor.

Since I am not the 'webmaster' for the site, I consulted with that volunteer about the issue. It was decided that I could work on the site to 'fix' the design issue. Unfortunately, in the process of updating the software, I BROKE the site. The original theme no longer displays correctly even on a desktop computer.

Thus, I had to switch the theme for the site. With the new theme, I was able to easily move the content into a format that works for both a desktop monitor and a mobile device.



On a mobile device, on scrolls thru the content with the buttons at the bottom.



While I was working on the Nemaha County Historical Society's site, I discovered a problem with my site. If I use the Safari app on my iPhone, everything works correctly. However, when I use the Chrome app, the menus will not open. Now that I have the historical society site working, I need to work on my own. Hopefully, it won't require a theme change!

## Purple Heart

My work to document those receiving a Purple Heart from Nemaha County continues. I started working with a list of those who died during World War 2 that was published in the 11 Nov 1946 issue of the Courier Tribune. When I finished with those profiles, I discovered that the plaque at the courthouse had some additional names. Thus, I've been working on those names. Today's post has been frustrating to research.

### It's a Mystery!

Joseph Johnson is listed as having died during World War II on the courthouse plaque.

Joseph P. Johnson is listed on the list of [World War casualties for Kansas](https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties/kansas.html) See <https://www.archives.gov/research/military/ww2/army-casualties/kansas.html>.

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BECKER BERNARD A	17020056	S SG	FOD
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ENNEKING JOSEPH A JR	37246081	PFC	KIA
FUND ROY L	28725158	SGT	KIA
GUILFORD WILLIAM E	37538356	PVT	KIA
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Joseph P. Johnson (Major) is listed on Interment.net for the [Manilla American Cemetery](https://www.interment.net/data/philippines/manila-american/surnames-j.html) See <https://www.interment.net/data/philippines/manila-american/surnames-j.html>.

**JOHNSON, Joseph P**, Major, 80th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group, U.S. Army, Service# 0-398507, Enl: Arkansas, d. 29-May-1945, Walls of the Missing, World War II, Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart

The document, [80th Fighter Squadron](https://usafunithistory.com/PDF/75-100/80%20FIGHTER%20SQ.pdf) See <https://usafunithistory.com/PDF/75-100/80%20FIGHTER%20SQ.pdf>, indicates that Major Joseph Johnson was named commander of the squadron on May 9, 1945

### COMMANDERS

Maj Phillip H. Greasley, 10 Jan 1942

Maj I. C. Conner, 20 Dec 1942

Cpt Edward Cragg, 21 Mar 1943

Cpt Falletta, 4 Apr 1943

Maj Edward Cragg, 8 Apr 1943

Maj Jay T. Robbins, 27 Dec 1943

Maj Cyril F. Homer, 4 Oct 1944

Maj Joseph P. Johnson, 9 May 1945

Maj Robert G. Hochuli, 31 May 1945

Maj John R. Breedon, 22 Aug 1945

The memorial on Fold3 indicates that Joseph P. Johnson resided in Arkansas (and not Kansas).


INDEX RECORD FOR	
Joseph P Johnson	
US, American Battle Monuments Commission, 1914-1950	
Info	Connections 0
Comments	Browse
Full Name	Joseph P Johnson
State Of Residence	Arkansas
Death	29-May-45
Death Date	29 May 1945
Buried	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery Manila, Philippines
Memorial Location	Missing in Action or Buried at Sea
Memorial Cemetery	Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery
Memorial Country	Manila, Philippines
Rank	Major, U.S. Army
Service Number	O-398507
Regiment	80th Fighter Squadron, 8th Fighter Group
Conflict Period	World War II
Awards	Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart
Served For	United States of America
Views	24

The page for the 80th Fighter Squadron on the [Pacific Wrecks](https://pacificwrecks.com/units/usaaf/8fg/80fs.html) site gives more detail about the unit during World War II but does not mention Joseph Johnson.

My attempts to locate newspaper articles about Major Joseph Johnson in 1945 was unproductive.

No mention of Joseph P. Johnson has been found in the Seneca or Sabetha area newspapers. Find a Grave does not have an entry for Joseph P. Johnson in Nemaha County, Kansas. A search of the 1920 and 1930 census records for Nemaha County did not find a Joseph Johnson.

A search of Ancestry trees only located ONE tree with Joseph P. Johnson in it. (I have contacted the owner of the tree to hopefully get more information.)



**joseph p Johnson**  
 BIRTH 1919 • Missouri  
 DEATH 1945 • Philippines

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**Name**  
joseph p Johnson

**Gender**  
Male

**Birth**  
1919 • Missouri

**Military**  
1945 • Philippines  
Pilot shot down by Japanese in May 1945. Reported killed in action. Body not recoverable. Rank of Major.

**Death**  
1945 • Philippines


**Sources**


No sources

Q Search on Ancestry

**Family**

**Parents**


**Joseph Peacock Johnson**  
1893-1974


**helen**  
1895-

**Spouse**

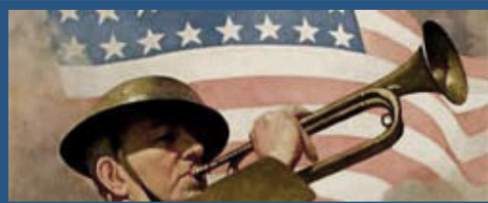
No spouse

While I've found a little evidence for the military career of Joseph P. Johnson, I have not found anything connecting him to Nemaha County. Thus, the mystery.

# Joseph P Johnson

## World War II Gold Star Veteran from Kansas

On May 29, 1945 Major Johnson was declared a casualty of **World War II**. ★ He served with honor in the **United States Army**. ★ He is remembered by the people of **Kansas**. ★ May his positive example inspire us. Working together towards peace, mutual respect, and equality for all.



Joseph P Johnson

World War II



Please note that we do not have a verified profile image in our archive for this service member. Our research team is working to locate and study additional supporting documentation.

### Service Details

This Profile ID	15194
Service ID	O-398507
Name	Joseph P Johnson
From	Nemaha County, Kansas
Casualty Date	May 29, 1945
War	World War II
Service Branch	Army
Rank	Major
Unit/Group	8th Fighter Group, 80th Fighter Squadron
Casualty Type	Missing in action or lost at sea
Burial	Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines
Notable Awards	★ Air Medal ★ Purple Heart
Remembered	 Joseph P Johnson is buried or memorialized at Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery, Manila, Philippines. This is an American Battle Monuments Commission location.

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IN MEMORY OF  
★★★★★

JOSEPH P. JOHNSON

RANK  
MAJOR, U.S. ARMY

UNIT  
80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, 8TH FIGHTER GROUP

DATE OF DEATH  
MAY 29, 1945

COMMEMORATED IN PERPETUITY AT  
MANILA AMERICAN CEMETERY  
TAGUIG CITY, PHILIPPINES



*"Time will not dim the glory of their deeds."*  
— GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING

*American Battle Monuments Commission –  
Certificate*

## Another Bashford Deed

When it comes to John Crawford, the Lincoln County Kentucky deeds just keep on giving. This deed identifies more heirs with the Bashford surname.

Lincoln County, Kentucky

Deed Records

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Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Bashford Sen , John M. Bashford , Robert C. Bashford , William Bashford , James Bashford Joseph Bashford , Sarah J. Bashford of the State of Ohio do hereby nominate , constitute & appoint Eli D. Bashford & John McCoy of the County of Morrow & State of Ohio our attorney in fact to demand and receive of the administrator of John Crawford deceased any money which may be due us as heirs at Law of sd Crawford , my said attorneys are hereby authorized to give receipts for all money due us from the estate of said Crawford . They are authorized to institute suits in any of the courts of Kentucky for the recovery of any land or money to which they consider we are entitled as the heirs of John Crawford , and my said attornies are hereby authorized to com –

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promise our land claims , sell the same & make conveyances therefor They are authorized to sign our names to all such bonds as may be required to be executed in any of courts of Kentucky , incident to the prosecution of suits we contemplate instituting . They are authorized to employ counsel , & make such contracts as they may deem right , & sign our names to such contracts as they make .

We hereby ratify & confirm all acts done by our said attornies in the premises , & the same when done shall be as binding , as if we were personally present at the doing of the same .

In testimony whereof we have hereto set our hands & Seals this 2d day of February 1849 .

Joseph Bashford Senr (Seal)

John M. Bashford (Seal)

Robert C. Bashford (seal)

William Bashford (seal)

James Bashford (Seal)

Joseph Bashford (seal)

Sarah J. Bashford (seal)

By her Guardian and Mother

Margaret Bashford

State of Ohio Morrow County Set :

On this 2nd day of February 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County & State above mentioned , Joseph Bashford , John M. Bashford , Robert C. Bashford William Bashford James Bashford , Joseph Bashford Sarah J. Bashford and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney to be their act and deed . William Shunk J. P.

State of Ohio , Morrow County Set :

I hereby certify that William Shunk Esqr whose name appears to the foregoing acknowledgment was at the time of signing the same a Justice of the Peace for the County & State aforesd duly commissioned & sworn , & his signature is genuine . In testimony whereof I have hereto set my name & affixed the seal of the Morrow County Court of Common Pleas , of which I am Clerk this 3rd day of February 1849

Wesley C. Clark Clerk , pro term –

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Lincoln County To wit :

I Thomas Helm Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid , do certify that this Power of Attorney from Bashford 's Heirs to Eli D. Bashford and John McCoy was this day produced to me in my office with the certificates thereon endorsed . Whereupon the said Power of Attorney with the certificates endorsed thereon , together with the foregoing certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my Office Given under my hand this 3rd day of July 1849 .

Thomas Helm C. L. C. C



Know all men by these presents that we Joseph Bashford Sen,  
Bashford & John M. Bashford, Robert C. Bashford, William Bashford, James Bashford  
To & P. D. Joseph Bashford, Sarah J. Bashford of the State of Ohio do hereby  
Bashford. nominate, constitute & appoint Eli D. Bashford & John McBoys of  
the County of Morrow & State of Ohio our attorneys in fact  
to demand and receive of the Administrator of John Crawford deceased  
any money which may be due us as heirs at Law of &  
Crawford. My said attorneys are hereby authorized to give receipts  
for all money due us from the estate of said Crawford. They  
are authorized to institute suits in any of the Courts of  
Kentucky for the recovery of any land or money to which  
they consider we are entitled as the heirs of John Crawford  
and my said attorneys are hereby authorized to com-

promises our land claims, till the laws & make conveyances. They are authorized to sign our names to all such lands as may be necessary to be granted in any of the Courts of Kentucky, we don't to the protection of itself be understood in building. They are authorized to supply themselves, make such contracts as they may deem proper, & sign our names to such contracts as they make. We hereby ratify & confirm in all acts done by our said officers in the premises, the same when done shall be as binding as if we were personally present at the doing of the same.

In testimony whereof we have here set our hands & affixed the Great Seal of Kentucky 1849.

Joseph Barshford lettered  
John A. Barshford (Good)  
Robert L. Barshford (Fine)  
William Barshford (Good)  
James Barshford (Good)  
Joseph Barshford Jr. (Good)  
Leah J. Barshford (Good)  
By her Guardian and Mother  
Margaret Barshford (Good)

State of Ohio Morrow County, doth  
on this 2nd day of February 1849 personally appeared before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace for the County of Morrow John H. Bradford, Joseph Bradford, Robert C. Bradford, James Bradford, Joseph Bradford, Isaac A. Bradford and acknowledging the foregoing Power of Attorney to be their act and do.

John H. Bradford  
Joseph Bradford  
Robert C. Bradford  
James Bradford  
Joseph Bradford  
Isaac A. Bradford

*State of Ohio, Monroe County &c.*  
I hereby certify that William Shank left whose name appears  
in foregoing Acknowledgment next was at the time of signing  
the same a Justice of the Peace for the County & state abovesaid duly  
commissioned & sworn, & his signature as genuine in following  
which I have noted my name & affixed the seal of the above  
County Court of Monroe Place, of which I am Clerk this 20<sup>th</sup>  
day of February 1849.  
Nathaniel Black, Justice  
Commissioner of Kentucky &c. &c.

I Thomas Nelson Clerk of the County Court for the County  
 of Henrico do hereby certify that the power of Attorney from Richard's Heirs to  
 the B. Redford and John Ashby was this day produced to me in my  
 office with the certificate of the Court and the same of the power of  
 Attorney with the certificate is endorsed thereon. Together with a  
 foregoing certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my office  
 Green under my hand this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Feb 1844. Thomas Nelson C. C. C.

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State of Kentucky } To wit:  
Lincoln County }

I, Champes Barber Clerk of Lincoln County Court, do hereby certify, that this Power of Attorney was produced to Thomas Nelson late Clerk of Lincoln County Court, as appears by his certificate thereon endorsed. Whereupon said Power of Attorney with the several certificates endorsed thereon, together with this certificate hath been duly admitted to record in my Office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 1857.

Ex<sup>d</sup> & deliv<sup>d</sup> to  
E. D. Baskford.

Champlin, Chester Clerk  
Lincoln County Court.



## Bashford and Ellis Families

Do you have brick walls in your genealogy file? I know I have quite a few including my CRAWFORD line. Hoping to make a breakthrough on my Crawford research, I've been using FamilySearch labs to search for Crawford items in Lincoln County, Kentucky.

While I haven't found anything to help me with my Crawford line, I have found some deeds that should add a couple of generations to some Ellis and Bashford trees. These deeds identify heirs of John Crawford.

[Crawford Ellis Deed](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/15/crawford-ellis-deed/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/15/crawford-ellis-deed/> – dated 24 Sep 1842 naming John C Bashford as attorney ([image](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTF-HTQZ?mode=g) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTF-HTQZ?mode=g>.)

- Rebecca Ellis of Franklin County, Pennsylvania
- Escher Ellis of Franklin County, Pennsylvania
- [Rehama](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MQH-322) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MQH-322>. McCoy of Franklin County, Pennsylvania
- Frederick Sponseller of Washington County, Maryland
- [Harriet](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MJSL-39J) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MJSL-39J>. Sponseller of Washington County, Maryland

[Another John Crawford](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/29/another-john-crawford/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/29/another-john-crawford/> – dated Dec 1842 naming John C Bashford as attorney ([Image](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKH-4QVS-B?view=fullText&keywords=Bashford&groupId=TH-909-71347-120272-39) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKH-4QVS-B?view=fullText&keywords=Bashford&groupId=TH-909-71347-120272-39>.)

- Joseph Bashford of Jefferson County, Ohio
- Eli Dunlop of Jefferson County, Ohio
- [Jane Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LRNJ-VB8) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LRNJ-VB8>. Dunlap of Jefferson County, Ohio
- Robert McConley of Jefferson County, Ohio

[More Crawford Heirs](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/30/crawford-heirs-named-bashford/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/05/30/crawford-heirs-named-bashford/> – dated 31 Dec 1842 naming John Bashford as attorney ([image](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTF-CSMM-1?view=explore&groupId=TH-909-77859-51591-81) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTF-CSMM-1?view=explore&groupId=TH-909-77859-51591-81>.)

- [John C Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFZ) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFZ>. of Stark County, Ohio
- [Mary Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFD) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFD>. of Stark County, Ohio
- James S[tets] Guardian for
  - [Robert](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TF8) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TF8>. of Stark County, Ohio
  - [Elizabeth](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFX) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFX>. of Stark County, Ohio
  - [Jane](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9S3K-FWP) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9S3K-FWP>. of Stark County, Ohio
  - [William](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFF) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFF>. of Stark County, Ohio
  - [Nancy](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFN) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFN>. of Stark County, Ohio
  - [Ruth](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFJ) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/KFVP-TFJ>. Bashford of Stark County, Ohio

[Another Ellis Deed](#) See page . – dated 25 Nov 1848 naming Eli D. Bashford and John McCoy as attorneys

- Rebecca Ellis of Mercerburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania
- Esther Ellis of Mercerburg, Franklin County, Pennsylvania
- Moses McCoy of Washington County, Maryland
- [Ruhana](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MQH-322) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MQH-322>. McCoy of Washington County, Maryland
- Frederick Sponseller of Washington County, Maryland
- [Harriet](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MJSL-39J) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/MJSL-39J>. Sponseller of Washington County, Maryland

[Another Bashford Deed](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/06/05/another-bashford-deed/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/06/05/another-bashford-deed/> – dated 2 Feb 1849 naming Eli D. Bashford and John McCoy as attorneys ([deed image](https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTN-YS2J-Z) See <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSTN-YS2J-Z>.)

- [Joseph Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LK5L-63X) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LK5L-63X>. Senr – state of Ohio
- [John M Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9S8D-VYV) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/9S8D-VYV>. – state of Ohio
- [Robert C Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LK5L-DFM) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LK5L-DFM>. – state of Ohio
- [William Bashford](https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LTG5-ZFY) See <https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LTG5-ZFY>. – state of Ohio
- James Bashford – state of Ohio
- Joseph Bashford – state of Ohio
- Sarah J. Bashford by her guardian and mother Margaret Bashford – state of Ohio

Based on these deeds, the John Crawford family may be as follows:

1. **John Crawford** apprenticed his son, Robert, to be a clerk under Thomas Todd on 18 Mar 1793 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>1</sup> See page . He was listed on the tax rolls in 1795 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>2</sup> See page . He sold land being 42 acres on Hanging Fork adjoining the Logan plantation to James Logan on 15 Dec 1795 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>3</sup> See page . John was listed on the tax rolls in 1796 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>4</sup> See page . He was listed on the tax rolls in 1797 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>5</sup> See page . He sold land on 5 Dec 1797 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>6</sup> See page . John sold land on 26 Dec 1797 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>7</sup> See page . He sold land being 130 acres on Hanging Fork to William Gooch on 2 Feb 1798 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>8</sup> See page . He sold land sold land to Robert and Ann Crawford for 5 shillings on 23 Feb 1798 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>9</sup> See page . John sold land being 100 acres on Hanging Fork to Armsted Milner for 150 pounds on 23 Feb 1798 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>10</sup> See page . He died before 1843 in Kentucky.

John Crawford and [Unknown] [Unknown] had the following children:

11. \_\_\_\_\_ **Crawford** was born (date unknown).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Bashford** was born (date unknown). \_\_\_\_\_ Crawford and \_\_\_\_\_ Bashford had the following children:

111. **Joseph Bashford** was named in a deed identifying John Crawford's heirs dated 14 Feb 1843 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>11</sup> See page . He was named in a deed identifying heirs of John Crawford in 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup> See page .

112. **John C Bashford** died in 1847 in Ohio. United States.

**Margaret \_\_\_\_\_** was born about 1787 in Pennsylvania, United States. She was listed as the guardian of Sarah Bashford on a deed dated 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . She lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page . John C Bashford and Margaret \_\_\_\_\_ had the following children:

1121. **William Bashford** was born on 20 May 1821 in Jefferson County, Ohio, United States. He was named in a deed indentifying heirs of John Crawford dated 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . He lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page . William died on 21 Apr 1893 at the age of 71 in Winfield, Henry, Iowa, United States. He was buried on 25 Apr 1893 in Winfield, Henry, Iowa, United States.

1122. **Joseph Bashford** was born in 1825 in Ohio. He was named in a deed identifying heirs of John Crawford dated 2 Feb 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . He lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page . Joseph died.

1123. **John McCauley Bashford** was born on 6 Oct 1819 in Marion, Ohio, United States. He was named in a deed identifying heirs of John Crawford dated 2 Feb 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . He lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page . John died on 27 Mar 1906 at the age of 86 in Alden, Hardin, Iowa, United States. He was buried on 29 Mar 1906 in Alden Cemetery, Alden, Hardin, Iowa, United States.

1124. **Robert C Bashford** was born in 1817 in Ohio. He was named in a deed identifying the heirs of John Crawford dated 2 Feb 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . He lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page . Robert died.

1125. **James Bashford** was born about 1831 in Ohio.<sup>13</sup>See page . He was named in a deed identifying heirs of John Crawford dated 2 Feb 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . He lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page .

1126. **Sarah J. Bashford** was born in 1833 in Ohio.<sup>12</sup>See page .<sup>13</sup>See page . She was named in a deed identifying heirs of John Crawford dated 2 Feb 1849 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>12</sup>See page . She lived in Washington Township, Morrow, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>13</sup>See page .

113. **Jane Bashford** was born in 1790.<sup>14</sup>See page . She was named in a deed identifying John Crawford's heirs dated 7 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>11</sup>See page . She died on 1 Jan 1844 at the age of 54.<sup>14</sup>See page . Jane was buried at Montgomery Cemetery in East Springfield, Jefferson, Ohio, United States.<sup>14</sup>See page .

**Eli Dunlap** was born in 1791.<sup>15</sup>See page . He was named in a deed identifying John Crawford's heirs dated 7 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>11</sup>See page . He lived in Ross Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>16</sup>See page . Eli died on 12 Feb 1876 at the age of 85.<sup>15</sup>See page . He was buried at Montgomery Cemetery in East Springfield, Jefferson, Ohio.<sup>15</sup>See page . Jane Bashford and Eli Dunlap had the following child:

1131. **John Dunlap** was born in 1824 in Ohio.<sup>17</sup>See page . He lived in Ross Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>16</sup>See page . He died on 18 Oct 1890 at the age of 66 in Ross Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States.<sup>17</sup>See page . John was buried in East Springfield, Jefferson, Ohio, United States.<sup>17</sup>See page .

114. **William Bashford** was born about 1799. He died in 1834 at the age of 35.

William Bashford and Harriet Slutz were married on 23 Nov 1820 in Jefferson, Ohio, United States.<sup>18</sup>See page . **Harriet Slutz** was born on 20 Feb 1800 in Libertytown, Frederick, Maryland, United States. She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . She was buried in Sep 1882 in Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States. Harriet died on 15 Sep 1882 at the age of 82 in Wayne, Ohio, United States. William Bashford and Harriet Slutz had the following children:

1141. **John C. Bashford** was born on 16 Aug 1821 in Salem Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States. He was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . He lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . John was buried in 1881 in Westlawn Cemetery, Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States. He died on 31 May 1881 at the age of 59 in Newburgh Township, Cuyahoga, Ohio, United States.

1142. **Robert Cletus Bashford** was born on 9 Nov 1822 in East Springfield, Jefferson, Ohio, United States. He was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . He lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . Robert died on 15 Aug 1909 at the age of 86 in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne, Ohio, United States. He was buried on 18 Aug 1909 in Westlawn Cemetery, Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States.

**Mary Weimer** was born on 6 Oct 1824 in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States. She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . She was buried in 1894 in Westlawn Cemetery, Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States. Mary died on 1 Apr 1894 at the age of 69 in West Lebanon, Wayne, Ohio, United States.

1143. **Mary Bashford** was born in 1824 in Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . Mary was buried in 1893 in Westlawn Cemetery, Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States. She died on 1 Apr 1893 at the age of 69 in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne, Ohio, United States.

1144. **Catharine Bashford** was born on 9 Apr 1826 in Salem Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She died on 25 Sep 1908 at the age of 82 in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne, Ohio, United States. Catharine was buried in East Springfield, Jefferson County, Ohio, United States of America.

1145. **Elizabeth Bashford** was born in 1828 in Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . Elizabeth died in 1880 at the age of 52 in Wayne, Ohio, United States.

1146. **William H. Bashford** was christened on 22 Nov 1829 in Yalding, Kent, England. He was born in 1830 in Salem Township, Jefferson, Ohio, United States. He was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . William died on 10 Mar 1908 at the age of 78 in Soldier, Camas, Idaho, United States. He was buried in Fairfield, Camas, Idaho, United States.

1147. **Jane Bashford** was born in 1831 in Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She was buried in Mar 1852 in Parker Cemetery, Mount Hope, Holmes, Ohio, United States. Jane died on 22 Mar 1852 at the age of 21 in Holmes, Ohio, United States.

1148. **Nancy Ann Bashford** was born on 8 Dec 1834 in Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . Nancy died on 5 Dec 1878 at the age of 43 in Burbank, Wayne, Ohio, United States. She was buried in Burbank, Wayne, Ohio, United States.

1149. **Ruth A Bashford** was born on 19 Dec 1834 in Salem, Jefferson, Ohio, United States. She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 31 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>20</sup>See page . She lived in Sugar Creek Township, Stark, Ohio, United States in 1850.<sup>19</sup>See page . Ruth died on 28 Feb 1919 at the age of 84 in Wayne, Ohio, United States. She was buried on 3 Mar 1919 in Westlawn Cemetery, Mount Eaton, Wayne, Ohio, United States.

12. \_\_\_\_\_ **Crawford** was born (date unknown).

\_\_\_\_\_ **McConnell** was born (date unknown). \_\_\_\_\_ Crawford and \_\_\_\_\_ McConnell had the following child:

121. **Robert McConnell** was named in a deed identifying John Crawford's heirs dated 7 Dec 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>11</sup>See page .

13. **Robert Crawford** was born about 1777. He was apprenticed as a clerk to Thomas Todd on 18 Mar 1793 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>1</sup>See page . In 1798 he was a lawyer in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>6</sup>See page . Robert purchased land on the Hanging Fork of Dick's River from John Crawford for 5 shillings on 23 Feb 1798 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>9</sup>See page . He was listed on the tax rolls in 1799 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>21</sup>See page . He was listed on the tax rolls in 1800 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>22</sup>See page . Robert was listed on the tax rolls in 1802 in Lincoln County, Kentucky.<sup>23</sup>See page .

**Ann** \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>See page . was born (date unknown). Robert Crawford and Ann \_\_\_\_\_ had the following child:

131. **Rebecca Crawford**<sup>24</sup>See page . was born (date unknown).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ellis** was born (date unknown). Rebecca Crawford and \_\_\_\_\_ Ellis had the following children:

1311. **Rebecca Ellis**<sup>24</sup>See page . was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 24 Sep 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>25</sup>See page . She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1848 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page .

1312. **Escher Ellis**<sup>24</sup>See page . was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 28 Sep 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>25</sup>See page . He was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page .

1313. **Rheuhama Ellis**<sup>24</sup>See page . was on 28 Sep 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>25</sup>See page . She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1848 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page .

**Moses McCoy**<sup>24</sup>See page . was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1848 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page .

1314. **Harriet Ellis**<sup>24</sup>See page . was born on 10 Aug 1800 in Maryland.<sup>27</sup>See page . She was on 28 Sep 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>25</sup>See page . She was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1848 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page . Harriet lived in Washington, Maryland, United States in 1850.<sup>28</sup>See page . She lived in Clear Spring, Washington, Maryland, United States in 1860.<sup>29</sup>See page . She lived in Clear Spring, Washington, Maryland, United States in 1870.<sup>30</sup>See page . Harriet lived in Clear Spring, Washington, Maryland, United States in 1880.<sup>31</sup>See page . She died on 13 Dec 1886 at the age of 86.<sup>27</sup>See page . She was buried at Saint Peters Lutheran Church Cemetery in Clear Spring, Washington, Maryland, United States.<sup>27</sup>See page .

Harriet Ellis and Frederick Sponseller were married on 5 Oct 1825 in Washington, Maryland, United States.<sup>32</sup>See page .<sup>33</sup>See page . **Frederick Sponseller**<sup>24</sup>See page . was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated on 28 Sep 1842 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>25</sup>See page . He was named as an heir of John Crawford in a deed dated 25 Nov 1848 in Lincoln, Kentucky, United States.<sup>26</sup>See page . He lived in Washington, Maryland, United States in 1850.<sup>28</sup>See page .

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## Changes

Do you feel like the changes are coming at you at “warp speed” when it comes to the genealogy tools you use? I know I do! Between AI tools, Ancestry DNA updates and a new version of RootsMagic, it seems these changes are being announced all at once!

### AI

I doubt anyone can keep up with AI. Thankfully, there are others that are helping me stay aware of how this technology is being used.

- Randy Seaver – Randy has been having fun lately using AI tools to write poems, limerics and even songs about himself and/or his ancestors. Randy shares his work on his [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/> blog and via Facebook posts. See his post, [“The Tales of Devier Smith” – An AI Created Rhyme and Song](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/the-tale-of-devier-smith-in-ai-created.html) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/the-tale-of-devier-smith-in-ai-created.html>, for one of his songs and details about how he is doing this.
- Mondays with Myrt – June 17th session featured a lesson on Transkribus, an AI tool to transcribe and translate old documents.

#### Mondays with Myrt - 17 June 2024

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=HGVUdzhX3cY>



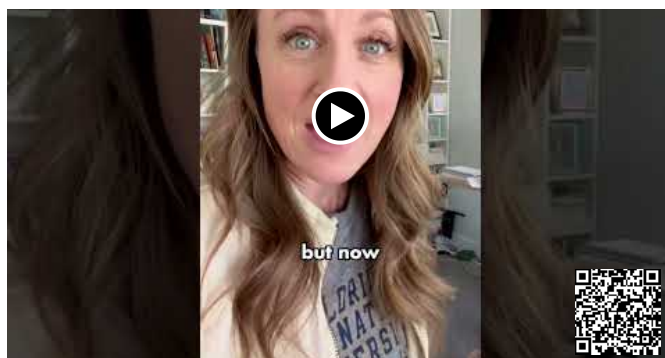
- Facebook Group – [Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence](https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogyandai) See <https://www.facebook.com/groups/genealogyandai>. – great discussions about various tools and ways to utilize AI to help with research
- Sider – Released an update resolving my previous issues! Now, I’m back to using Sider to transcribe newspaper articles.

### Ancestry

If you haven’t heard, Ancestry is starting to roll out the updates to DNA matches. I don’t have this update yet, but am anxiously awaiting some of these new features. Check out Your DNA Guides’ announcement.

#### Breaking AncestryDNA News!

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=b7QkCQb1zRI>



For more in depth directions on how to use Ancestry’s new features, you might want to watch Genealogy TV’s demonstration.

**Newest Features on Ancestry: June 2024**<https://youtube.com/watch?v=4zkL3hEDD6g>**RootsMagic**

And just as I was beginning to catch up with AI and Ancestry, I notice a lot of discussion of Facebook about RootsMagic 10 that was released on Wednesday! Surprisingly, I missed seeing announcements about a potential new version so was taken by surprise when I read that version 10 has been released.

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**What's New in RootsMagic 10**<https://youtube.com/watch?v=W-3T8rWwwEI>

Randy Seaver also has a blog post about this new version, [RootsMagic Version 10 is New!](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/rootsmagic-version-10-is-new.html) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/rootsmagic-version-10-is-new.html>. that contains a list of the new features. Like Randy, I have purchased a copy and have it installed. I'm currently checking out some of the new features, but will likely migrate my work to this version.

With all of these changes, it looks like I will be spending some of my time 'learning' as I continue to research!

## AI and Jail History

Have you used AI (Artificial Intelligence) to help with your research or writing? I've been playing around with AI tools for a couple of months. I find I'm using the following AI tools on a regular basis:

- FamilySearch 'labs' transcriptions of deeds and wills
- ChatGPT to write meta descriptions of my blog posts
- Sider Chrome Extension to transcribe newspaper articles (recently experienced issues with this)

Thanks to Randy Seaver's example, I've even tried writing poetry for my ancestors. I even had Chat GPT re-write a narrative report.

Recently, I've been working to uncover the history of the 1879 Sheriff's residence and jail in Nemaha County, Kansas. In the process, I located articles in the local newspaper and compiled a history based on those articles. I also found a photocopy of the 1879 specifications for the building in the historical society's holdings and transcribed them. Both sets of information provide a lot of information about this historic structure.

- [1879 Jail and Residence Specifications](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail-specifications) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail-specifications>.
- [History of the Nemaha County Jail as told by newspaper accounts](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail>.

However, both are lengthy. Curiously, I asked ChatGPT to write a report using the information from the newspaper accounts. ChatGPT took the information and organized it with headings:

### Early Plans and Construction

The history of the Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail began in October 1878, when the Board of County Commissioners proposed the construction of a new jail. The Seneca Weekly Courier reported on October 11, 1878, that the board had ordered a vote on the matter, expressing confidence in the proposal's success due to the county's sound financial standing. By November 15, 1878, the Courier confirmed that the proposition had been overwhelmingly approved by a majority of 1,277 votes.

On June 3, 1879, the contract for building the jail was awarded to P. J. Pauley & Bro. for \$9,943, as documented in the Seneca Weekly Courier on July 4, 1879. The steel-clad cells, a significant feature of the new jail, were installed in early September 1879. The Courier's September 5, 1879, edition highlighted the advanced security and compact design of these cells.

### Architectural Features and Early Use

By September 24, 1879, the jail's construction was nearing completion. The Seneca Weekly Courier described the building as a brick structure with a two-story front and an "L" extension for the jail cells. Measuring 32x20 feet, the main building contained six rooms, while the "L" section, sized at 22x20 feet, housed three steel cells based on Pauley's patent. These cells were praised for their security and sanitary features.

The Nemaha County Jail was formally received by the commissioners on October 9, 1879. The Seneca Tribune detailed the sophisticated design of the cells, which were constructed to be escape-proof and sanitary. The cells featured a lever system that allowed the jailer to operate the locks without direct contact with the prisoners, enhancing security.

### Early Incidents and Jail Breaks

Despite its advanced design, the jail experienced several escape incidents. On February 26, 1904, the Courier Democrat reported that a prisoner named Henderson escaped by digging through the brick wall while the sheriff was away. Henderson's escape was significant enough to warrant the use of bloodhounds for tracking, though he ultimately eluded capture.

Further escape attempts continued, with notable incidents on August 23, 1906, and August 30, 1906, where prisoners Joe King and Thompson escaped through the roof. These incidents underscored the need for a more secure facility.

### Plans for a New Jail

By April 12, 1906, discussions about constructing a new jail had begun. The Courier Democrat mentioned that the current jail was not only insecure but also unsanitary. The county commissioners, with guidance from legal counsel, decided they had the authority to build a new jail without a public vote. Plans were drawn by the Pauley Jail Building Company, envisioning a two-story structure with modern facilities.

The bidding process for the new jail construction began on April 18, 1907, and concluded with the award announcement on May 23, 1907. Construction culminated in December 1907, with Sheriff Dennis moving into the new facility, which combined modern amenities with enhanced security features.

### Mid-20th Century Renovations

By January 13, 1955, the Courier Tribune reported that the jail residence was undergoing repairs and redecoration, highlighting structural issues with the south wall supporting the cupola. On April 7, 1955, the Courier Tribune detailed the removal of the heavy cupola and the rebuilding of the south wall to address these structural problems.

### Conclusion

The Nemaha County Sheriff's Residence and Jail, from its initial construction in 1879 to its significant renovations in the mid-20th century, reflects the evolving standards and needs of county law enforcement facilities. Despite early challenges with security and structural integrity, the county's commitment to maintaining a secure and modern jail has been evident throughout its history.

Since the ChatGPT report is more concise and easier to read, I asked it to create a report from the original specifications. Again, ChatGPT organized and summarized the information.

## Introduction

This report outlines the construction specifications for a jail building in Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas. The structure will include the jailor's residence, a female cell, an insane cell, and a large cell room. The following detailed descriptions highlight the necessary work and materials for the project based on the provided specifications and accompanying drawings.

## General Description

The building will be constructed using brick with a stone foundation and will include a cellar under the jailor's residence. The structure will be two stories high, with the cell room being a single-story addition. The front dimensions of the building will be 31 feet 8 inches, with a total depth of 41 feet 1 inch and 51 feet 11 inches.

## Excavation

- The earth will be excavated to accommodate the foundation walls, footings, and cellar formations.
- Excavation will also include digging holes for a cistern and cesspool as directed by the commissioners or superintendent.
- Excess earth and rubbish will be removed from the premises, and the bottom of all trenches will be leveled for footing courses.

## Masonry

- The foundation stones will be high-quality limestone, laid in lime and sand mortar.
- Footing courses will be 8 inches thick and progressively wider, with three courses for all walls.
- Foundation walls will be built to specifications shown in the plans, with rubble work up to ground level, ensuring stones are laid on their natural bed and well-bonded.

## Range Work

- Above-ground stonework will be laid in regular courses ranging from 8 to 12 inches in thickness, with pitched faces and neat joints.
- Window sills will be 5 inches by 9 inches, with door sills measuring 15 inches wide, both bush-hammered.

## Concrete

- The cell floors will have a concrete layer composed of spackle and mortar, thoroughly mixed with a ratio of 1/3 cement.

## Window Sills and Doors

- Windows throughout will have box frames with sash, weights, and cords, featuring 1 3/8-inch thick sash.
- Door sills will be 6 inches longer than the width of the opening, with a 5/8-inch bevel cut, and steps will be bush-hammered.

## Brick Work

- All bricks will be well-burned and merchantable, with exterior bricks uniformly dark red.
- The cell room will have hollow walls bonded with headers every sixth course, ensuring no joint exceeds 3/8 inch in width.
- Brick layers will set necessary tiling flues and construct a cesspool lined with 9-inch brick.

## Carpenter Work

- Includes framing and setting stakes and centers, with all joists, ceiling joists, trimmers, lintels, and rafters specified for dimensions and spacing.
- The portico will feature 10-inch by 10-inch posts with molded caps and bases, and a ceiling of tongue-and-groove pine.

## Plastering

- Ceilings in the residence and cells will be lathed with seasoned pine and receive two coats of brown mortar, with a third coat of plaster of Paris.

## Galvanized Iron and Tin Work

- The residence will have a galvanized iron cornice, with the roof covered in 1X roofing plated tin, including gutters and downspouts.

## Cistern

- The cistern will be 8 feet in diameter and 11 feet deep, lined with 9-inch brick walls and a concrete-coated arch, connected to an overflow pipe.

## Windows and Doors

- Windows in the residence and cells will have box frames with sashes, pulleys, weights, and cords. Doors will be four-panel, with exterior doors being 1 5/8 inches thick and interior doors 1 1/8 inches thick.

## Hardware and Finish

- All doors will be hung on bolts and secured with locks, with hardware furnished as required.
- Interior finishes include plain 6-inch casings with 8-inch base moldings, and floors laid with 7/8-inch flooring boards.

## Stairs

- Cellar stairs will have open risers and plank treads, while the main stairs will feature turned balusters and handrails.



## Painting and Glass

- All tin work will receive a coat of paint, and interior woodwork will have three coats of lead paint. Glass will be of the best quality, well bedded and trimmed.

## Plumbing

- A 6-inch vitrified clay pipe will run from the kitchen and cells to the cesspool, ensuring proper drainage.

## General Conditions

- Any necessary additions, alterations, or substitutions will be consented to by the contractor and must be approved by the superintendent.
- The contractor will provide all labor and materials needed to complete the building by the specified date, ensuring all elements are built to specification.

## Conclusion

The specifications detailed above provide a comprehensive guide for the construction of the jail and residence in Seneca, Kansas. All work must be completed to the highest standards, ensuring durability, safety, and compliance with the architectural plans and elevations.

Both reports along with the original information are found on the Nemaha County Historical Society's website:

- [1879 Specifications](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/1879-jail-and-residence-specifications) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/1879-jail-and-residence-specifications>.
- [ChatGPT summary of 1879 Specifications](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/summary-of-jail-specifications) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/summary-of-jail-specifications>.
- [History of the jail from newspaper accounts](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail>.
- [ChatGPT summary of jail history from newspaper accounts](http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail-history) See <http://nemahacountyhistoricalsociety.com/jail-history>.

ChatGPT's ability to take this information and summarize it has been very helpful.

## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night Again –

Time For Some More Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) What genealogy “rabbit hole” did you go down recently? Did you have genealogy fun? How did it help your genealogy research?

As I posted on Friday, this past week has seen a lot of [Changes](#) See page . throughout the genealogy community. For me, those changes have also become ‘rabbit holes’

While I haven’t started playing with Suno.com and song creation (yet), I have been amazed by what Randy has created! If you haven’t listened to any of his work, check out

- [Family Ties](https://suno.com/song/938d5c9e-7187-4198-a593-4a8d0e1895d4) See <https://suno.com/song/938d5c9e-7187-4198-a593-4a8d0e1895d4>.

And then read [Randy Seaver's Saturday Night Genealogy Fun](https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-what.html) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/2024/06/saturday-night-genealogy-fun-what.html>. post for more information about his creations!

Like Randy, I have been learning how to put AI (Artificial Intelligence) to work for me. I’m finding great value in these tools! I’ve been using these tools in the following ways:



- Write a meta description for a blog post — using ChatGPT, ask it to write a meta description for following and then paste in the contents of a post
- Transcribing newspaper articles — using Chrome’s Sider extension, drag an image into Sider and ask it to extract the text – See post [AI and Images](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/03/11/ai-and-images/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/03/11/ai-and-images/>.
- Improve biography generated by RootsMagic — ask ChatGPT to write a biography based on following information and then paste in the contents of a RM narrative report – see post [AI Biography](#) See page .
- Write a research report based on newspaper articles or a transcription of a document – see post [AI and Jail History](#) See page .
- And thanks to Randy’s examples, I even ventured into poetry and had AI write a poem about my 2nd great grandfather’s civil war service and imprisonment – See [AI Poetry](#) See page .

I have started working in [RootsMagic 10](http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782) See <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782>. whose release was announced earlier this week. One of the new features that is intriguing is the ability to enter DNA data.

All DNA providers								
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1,007.00	0.00	0.00	47		first cousin	first cousin (78%)		
603.00	0.00	0.00	30		first cousin once removed	first cousin once removed (38%)		
555.00	0.00	0.00	23		first cousin once removed	first cousin once removed (51%)		
400.00	0.00	0.00	20		first cousin once removed	first cousin once removed (44%)		
371.00	0.00	0.00	13		first cousin once removed	half first cousin (43%)		
307.00	0.00	0.00	14		second cousin once removed	second cousin (31%)		
305.00	0.00	0.00	10		first cousin once removed	second cousin (29%)		
281.00	0.00	0.00	16		second cousin	E: , 2nd cousin, Grandparent's co		
280.00	0.00	0.00	12		second cousin	second cousin (30%)		
203.00	0.00	0.00	14		second cousin	second cousin (35%)		
189.00	0.00	0.00	9		second cousin	half second cousin (35%)		
186.00	0.00	0.00	9		second cousin	half second cousin (32%)		
180.00	0.00	0.00	7		second cousin	half second cousin (29%)		
179.00	0.00	0.00	12		third cousin once removed	F: , Parent's 2nd cousin, 2nd cous		
154.00	0.00	0.00	9		second cousin once removed	half second cousin (33%)		

Not only is RootsMagic 10 offering new DNA features but Ancestry’s ProTools are providing more information about shared matches. While I haven’t had much time to ‘play’ with these, I have made one very important observation:

If I look at shared matches between myself and a cousin to one of my parents, the match list will show matches below 20 cM since they share more than 20 cM with this older cousin!

 <b>Your:</b> Your: Half 3rd cousin 1x removed or 3rd cousin 2x removed 14 cM Paternal side	 3rd cousin 2x removed or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 37 cM
Your: 4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 14 cM Paternal side	4th cousin or half 3rd cousin 1x removed 22 cM
Your: 14 cM Paternal side	45 cM

Even though I have been ‘playing’ with these tools, I have also started researching the family of John Crawford whose 1796 will is in Will Book A in Botetourt County, Virginia. While my Crawford line does not descend from this John Crawford, working with this family is improving my knowledge of the Virginia families that moved to Kentucky and Tennessee.

One observation that I’ve made from playing around with DNA in RootsMagic and on Ancestry is the value of descendency research. Thus, I need to quit playing and get back to work!

## Migrating to RootsMagic 10

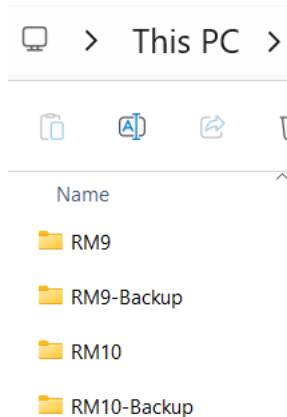
In case you missed it last week, RootsMagic released version 10 of their software. The post, [Introducing RootsMagic 10](http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR3b73s3KnNQS7ZtWJKOGmKy2_0Q_E-lexHnNFOrbwMmX7CQ26h3lIXMBBs_aem_ZmFrZWRIbW15MTZieXRlcw.) See [http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR3b73s3KnNQS7ZtWJKOGmKy2\\_0Q\\_E-lexHnNFOrbwMmX7CQ26h3lIXMBBs\\_aem\\_ZmFrZWRIbW15MTZieXRlcw.](http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3782&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR3b73s3KnNQS7ZtWJKOGmKy2_0Q_E-lexHnNFOrbwMmX7CQ26h3lIXMBBs_aem_ZmFrZWRIbW15MTZieXRlcw.), contains details about the new version along with information on how to get a discounted price to upgrade or purchase new. (Offer expires July 7, 2024)

Since I like to keep my software up to date, I purchased the upgrade.

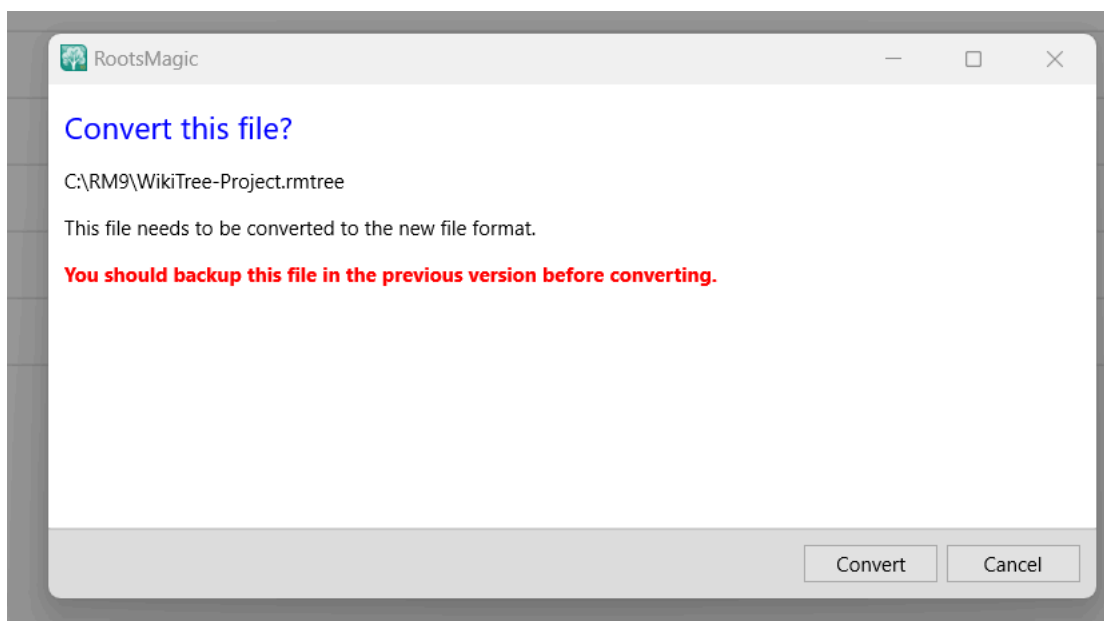
Prior to installing RootsMagic 10, I opened RootsMagic 9 and created a backup of my file. Even though I try to create a backup every day, I wanted to make sure I had a backup before opening the file in RootsMagic 10.

Then I clicked on the downloaded installation file to install version 10. During the installation, there was a window asking whether I wanted to replace RootsMagic 9 or keep it. ***I answered KEEP!*** Now I have both RootsMagic 9 and RootsMagic 10 on my computer. This will allow me to compare the two files. (NOTE: I will NOT be able to make changes in version 10 and have those changes appear in version 9!)

When I transitioned to RootsMagic 9, I created a data folder and a backup folder on my local drive. Thus, I needed to create similar folders for RootsMagic 10.

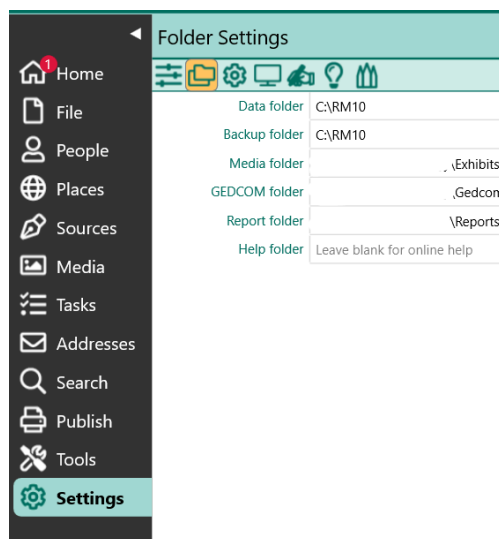


With RootsMagic 10 open, I used the FILE menu to OPEN a file. The program showed my RootsMagic 9 files in the list of recent files. Thus, I selected the RootsMagic 9 file I wanted to open. A window opened asking if I wanted to CONVERT the RootsMagic 9 file to RootsMagic 10.

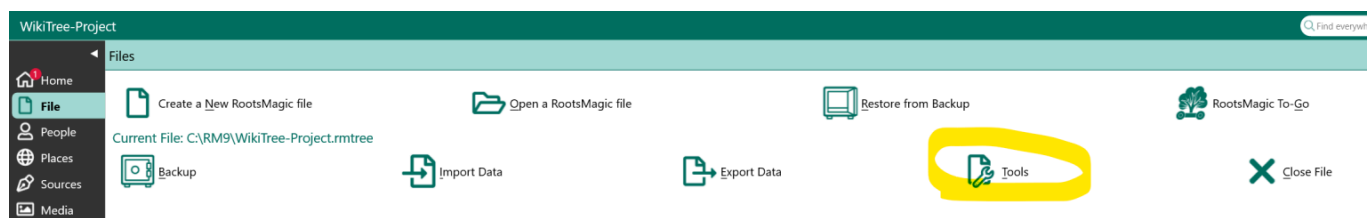


I selected CONVERT.

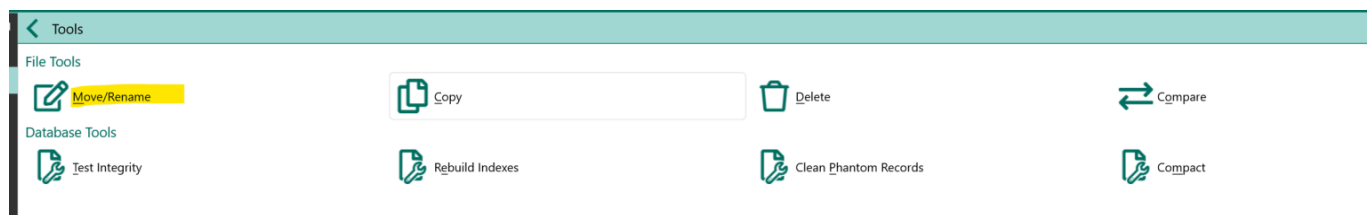
After checking my RM10 folder, I found that the WikiTree file I just converted was still being saved in my RM9 folder. Since I want my RM 10 files to be stored in my RM10 folder, I checked the settings for FOLDERS to make sure the changes I had made when converting my primary file were still in effect.



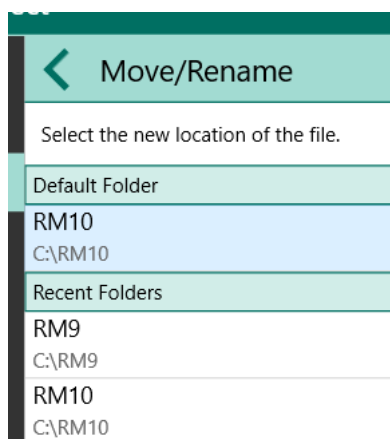
Since my WikiTree file did not get stored in my RM10 folder, I needed to move it. Thus, I clicked on the Tools icon (on the FILES screen) to access more options.



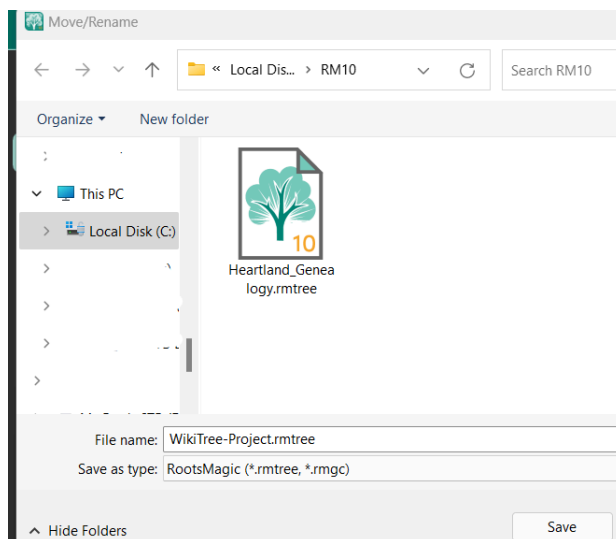
I used the 'MOVE/RENAME' Tool to move the file.



I was then prompted to select a folder and given a list of potential folders which included my RM10 folder.

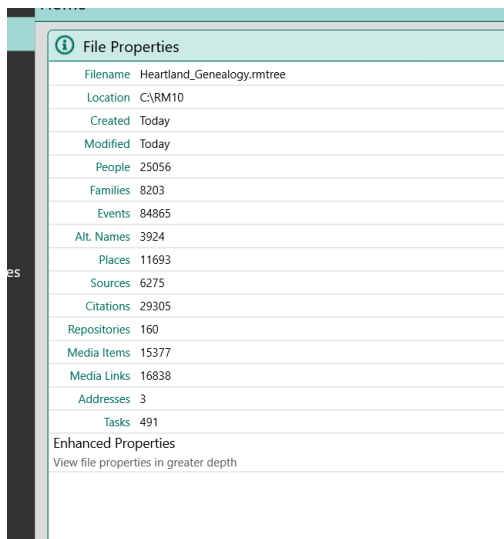


After selecting the desired folder, a window opened giving me the chance to change the name and then save the file.



Once the file is saved, I closed the file and reopened it from the RM10 folder to make sure I was working with the correct file.

After re-opening the file, I went to the HOME screen and took a screenshot of the file properties. (NOTE: My examples have switched to my primary file.)



Since I had not removed RootsMagic 9, I was able to open RootsMagic 9 and its version of my Heartland Genealogy file and compare properties. Clicking on ENHANCED PROPERTIES opens a longer list of properties. When I compared the properties of the two files, I did find a discrepancy.

<b>Associations missing a person:</b>		0
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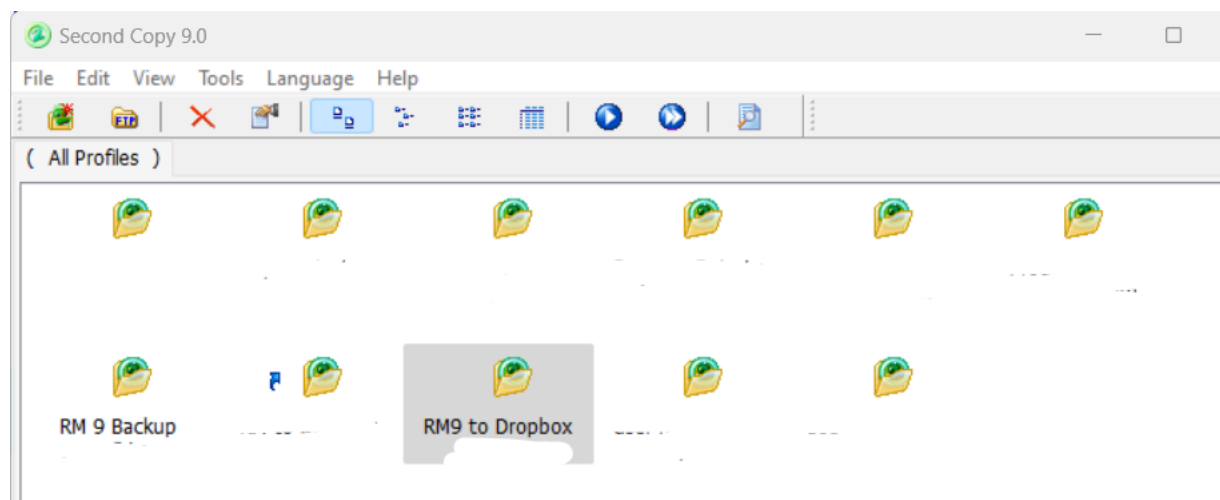
*RootsMagic 9 Places*

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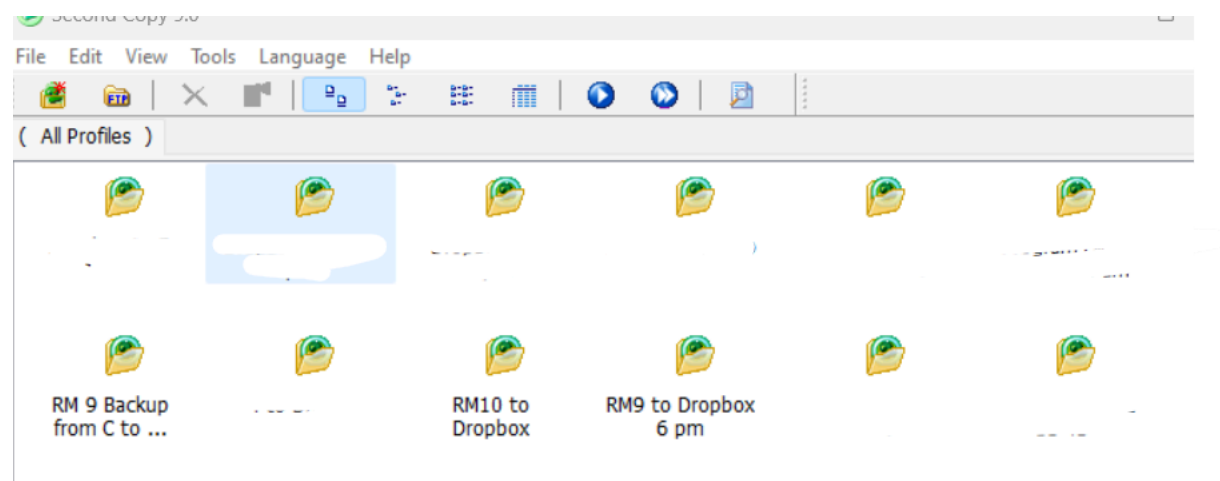
*RootsMagic 10 Places*

It seems that I have an ADDITIONAL place in RootsMagic 10! Thankfully, I did not lose any places, sources, groups, media, events, etc. in the conversion!

As a believer in backups, I use the Second Copy program to copy my RootsMagic file to Dropbox at the end of the day. This avoids the issues of file corruption caused by storing my original file in the cloud while saving my day's work to the cloud.



Thus, I needed to create a new task using the RM10 folder as the source.



Now that I have my file covered, I can start learning to use the new features!

## Purple Heart

### Raymond Woltkamp

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
24 Dec 1942  
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Av. S. Raymond Woltkamp has finished his 60 hours of primary flying and has been moved to Sherman, Texas, to take his basic training. His address now is Class 43 D, Cadet Detachment, Perrin Field, Sherman, Texas.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
25 Feb 1943  
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Av/S Raymond Woltkamp has finished Basic training and is now taking twin engine in advanced Flying School at Lubbock, Tex. His address now is Av/S Raymond Woltkamp, Class 43-D Cadot Det. Advanced Flying School, Lubbock, Tex.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
16 Sep 1943  
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Lt. Raymond Woltkamp has been visiting his parents, MR. and Mrs. Tony Woltkamp, this week. He is being sent to the Bruning airport near Fairbury, Neb., where he will have more training as a pilot of a Liberator bomber. Raymond was stationed at Clovis, New Mex., before coming to Seneca. He hopes to be home when his brother, Clarence S 2/c in the Seabees, arrives home from Camp Peary, Va., next week on leave.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
20 Dec 1943  
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Mr. and Mrs. Tony Woltkamp received word their son, Flight officer, Lt. Raymond Woltkamp had arrived safely in Africa. Lt. Woltkamp is pilot of a Liberator Bomber which he has named Guardian Angel. Mr. and Mrs. Woltkamp also received Christmas greetings from their son, Clarence with the Seabees, somewhere in [illegible] and from another son, First Sgt. Anthony Woltkamp, on maneuvers in Tennessee.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
14 Feb 1944  
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#### **SENECA PILOT IS MISSING WORD RECEIVED FRIDAY**

Lt. Raymond Woltkamp Failed-to-Return-from Mission, January 16

Lt. Raymond Woltkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Woltkamp, is-reported missing in action after an air battle in Italy, the middle of of January.

Friends and relatives of the army pilot were shocked to receive this news last week-end, since Raymond has been overseas only the past two months.

Flight Officer Woltkamp, pilot of a Liberator bomber left the United States, November 28, 1943.

Raymond enlisted in the Army Air Corps in the spring of 1941. He graduated in April last year. receiving his wings and the commission of Lieutenant. He was stationed at Bruning, Nebraska, before he went overseas. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul school, graduating in 1940 and was employed in the west before entering service.

Mr and Mrs. Tony Woltkamp have two other sons in service: 1st Sgt. Tony Woltkamp, stationed in Kentucky, and a younger son, Clarence, serving with the Sea Bees somewhere in the Pacific. Sgt. Woltkamp arrived yesterday from Breckenridge, Ky to visit his parents.

The telegram was sent to the parents of the missing flier from Adjutant General Ulio, who further stated that if any information or details were received, the family would be notified at once. Raymond's relatives and friends are hoping to hear good news soon.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
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#### **Believe Their Son May Be German Prisoner**

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Woltkamp have had encouraging word regarding their son, Lt. Raymond Woltkamp, reported "missing" since January 16, in action over Italy. Mrs. Woltkamp has been corresponding with families of members of Raymond's crew and heard last week that the plane on which her son was pilot was forced down over enemy controlled water. The crew broadcasted and it is thought members were rescued by Germans since the radio operator's wife received word from the government that her husband is a prisoner of war.

This is the story as Mrs. Woltkamp heard it from the wife of one of the pilots who was in the same formation at the time Raymond's ship began the January 16 mission. He said the plane the Seneca pilot was flying evidently had some mechanical difficulty and was forced to leave the group. Mrs. Woltkamp, has heard from relatives of three members of the crew on her son's plane, and is hopeful of receiving news from the government soon of his safety.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
5 June 1944  
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#### **GAVE HIS LIFE FOR COUNTRY FLIER DIED IN ITALY**

Lt. Raymond Woltkamp Missing Since Jan. 16, Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Wolt-kamp received word from Adjutant General Dunlop, that their son, Raymond, first pilot of a B-24 Liberator- Bomber, died for his country January 16 of this year near Venice, Italy.

After nearly six months of silence from their son, Raymond, an army air force pilot, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Woltkamp were informed Saturday evening by telegram that he had died courageously in the performance of his duties about 25 miles from Venice, Italy, less than two months after arriving overseas. Mr and Mrs. Woltkamp had received many letters from the families of other air men in Raymond's crew and held hope for their son's safety. Information has come to families of four of the crew that they were interned in German prison camps. It was this information that gave Raymond's family encouragement. The word received in Seneca Saturday night, came from the German government through the International Red Cross.

Raymond was 22 years old in December. He attended Sts. Peter and Paul school, graduating in the spring of 1940. After graduation, he went to Klamath Falls,



Oregon, where he had employment until enlistment in the army air corps, April 11, 1941, at Portland, Oregon. He received his wings and the commission of second lieutenant in April 1943. He went overseas Nov. 29, 1943. Besides his parents, Raymond has three brothers and two sisters who survive him. The brothers are First Sgt. Anthony Woltkamp with a tank destroyer group in England; Clarence seaman first class with the U. S. SeaBees in Hawaii; Gary of the home; the sisters, Mrs. Floyd Giles, Hamburg, Iowa, and Carolina of the home.

Lieut. Woltkamp was a quiet young man, well liked and admired by all who knew him. His parents and other relatives have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

*Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)*  
19 Jun 1944  
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#### Memorial for Lt. Woltkamp On Tuesday Morning

Requiem High Mass offered in memory of Lt. Raymond Woltkamp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Woltkamp, who died when his plane went down over Venice, Italy, January 16, will be held this Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock in Sts. Peter and Paul church. Rev. Matthew Hall will offer the mass and Rev. Michael Carroll will give the sermon. During the service a gold star will be placed on the service flag. Following the church service, Earle W. Taylor American Legion will hold a service in front of the church. Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will stand guard during all the services.

There is a Find a Grave memorial for Raymond Woltkamp associated with the Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Seneca, KS. However, this memorial does not have an image of a tombstone.

## Raymond Woltkamp

**BIRTH** 4 Dec 1922  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 16 Jan 1944 (aged 21)  
Italy

**BURIAL** [Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery](#)  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA [Add to Map](#)

**MEMORIAL ID** 41912235 · [View Source](#)

There is a second Find a Grave memorial for Raymond Woltkamp that does include a tombstone. This memorial is for the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial.




Photo added by [Philippe Vanderdonckt](#)

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## Flt O Raymond Bernard Woltkamp

**BIRTH** 4 Dec 1921  
Seneca, Nemaha County, Kansas, USA

**DEATH** 16 Jan 1944 (aged 22)  
Italy

**BURIAL** [Florence American Cemetery and Memorial](#)  
Florence, Città Metropolitana di Firenze, Toscana, Italy [Add to Map](#)

**PLOT** Plot A Row 5 Grave 10

**MEMORIAL ID** 56367475 · [View Source](#)

The French Find a Grave memorial has an image of the German death notification. This document was found on the National Archives site.

5.2.44

Luftflottenkommando 2  
Führungsabteilung  
Ic/Kriegsgefangene

Betr.: Gefallene feindl. Lw.-Angehörige.  
Bezug: OKW Az. f 24 63 e Kriegsgef.Allg.(V).

An  
O.Qu.O.B.SW.

Nachrichtl.: Lfl.Kdo.2, Flg.Abt.Ic  
Auswertestelle West, Oberursel.

Am 16.1.44 wurde über S.Stino ein amerikanisches Kampf-  
flugzeug vom Muster Liberator abgeschossen. Nachstehend Kampf-  
genanntes Besatzungsmitglied fand dabei den Tod:

1) Name	W o l t k a m p R.
2) Dienstgrad	F/O.
3) Ser.-Nr.	121614 T.A.342 B.
4) Geb.-Datum	unbekannt
5) Anschr.d.Angehörigen	unbekannt
6) Tag, Ort und Zeit des Abschusses	16.1.44, 1300 Uhr, S.Stino.
7) Begräbnisort	Verm.S.Annastasio di Cessalto Provinz Treviso, weil dort tot aufgefunden.

Für das Luftflottenkommando  
Der Chef des Generalstabes  
I.A.  
Major.

Below is a translation of the German document generated by [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>.

Luftflottenkommando 2 Führungsabteilung Ic/Kriegsgefangene  
5.2.44

Subject: Fallen enemy airmen, Air Force personnel.

Reference: OKW Az. f 24 63 e. Kriegsgef.Allg.(V)

To

O.Qu.O.B.SW.

Cc: Lfl.Kdo.2, Flg.Abt.Ic

Analysis Center West, Oberursel

On January 16, 1944, an American combat aircraft of the type Liberator was shot down over S. Stino. The following crew member was killed in the process:

Name: Woltkamp R.

Rank: F/O. (Flight Officer)

ID Number: 121614 T.A. 342 B.

Date of Birth: unknown

Address of Relatives: unknown

Date, Place and Time of the Shootdown: January 16, 1944, 1300 hrs, S. Stino near S. Annastasio di Cessalto, Province Treviso, found dead there.

Burial Place: unknown

For the Luftflottenkommando

The Chief of the General Staff

I.A. [Signature]

Major

[Stamp: External Office POW, Date Received: 10 FEB 1944]

Unsure how to cite the German document, ChatGPT was fed the known information and asked to create a citation which follows:

Citation: (from [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) See <https://chatgpt.com/>.)

German notification of death of R. Woltkamp, found in National Archives NAID: 17352724, Amerikaner Vorgaenge AV 570 to AV 605, Record Group: 242:

National Archives Collection of Foreign Records Seized, Series: German Amerikaner Vorgaenge (AV) Reports, image 41.

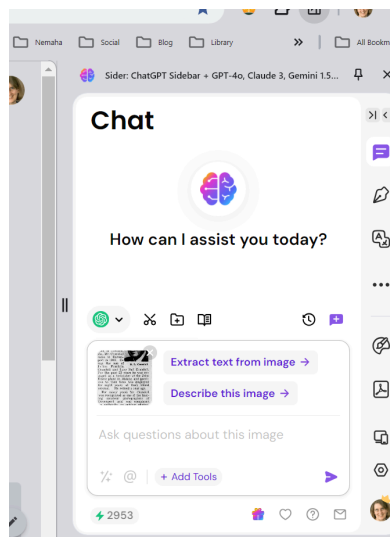
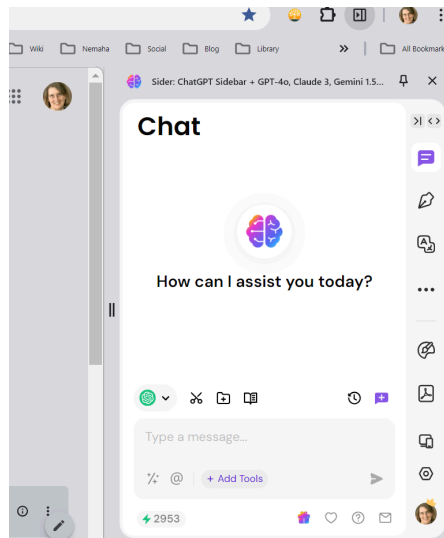
## AI Issues Update

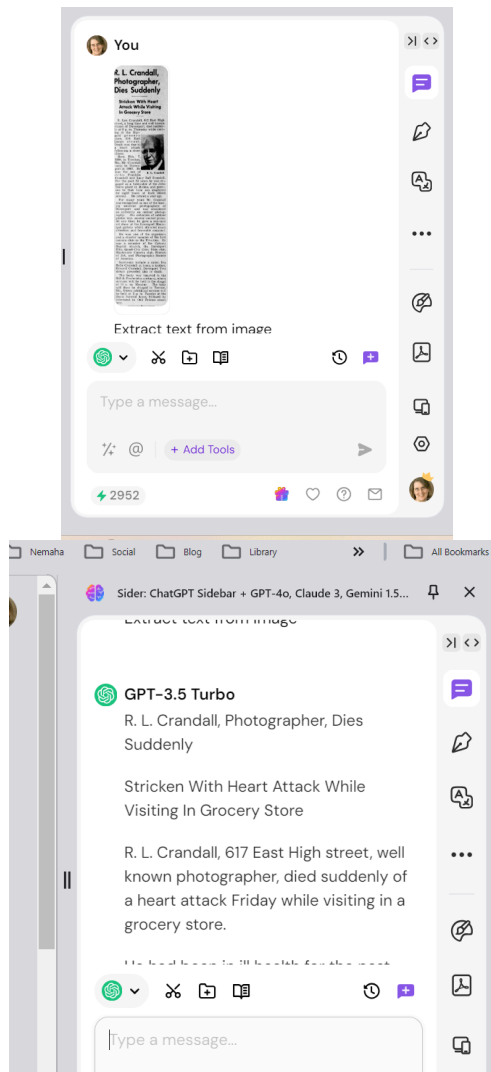
Do you use an AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools? As I've learned about a tool, I've been experimenting with the tool to see if and/or how it could help me with my genealogy research. One of those tools that I started using after RootsTech 2024 is a Chrome extension called Sider.

[Sider](https://sider.ai/) [See https://sider.ai/](https://sider.ai/). will take an image of a newspaper article and transcribe the article. That was working great until around June 1st (2024) when I started experiencing issue. In my [AI Issues](#) [See page . post](#), I summarized those issues. While I can't verify it, I think the issues began when a major update to [ChatGPT](https://chatgpt.com/) [See https://chatgpt.com/](https://chatgpt.com/). was released.

Curious as to how ChatGPT handles the transcription of newspaper articles, I found that ChatGPT could do the same task.

I then submitted a 'question' to Sider help. They responded with a request for more information, including a video showing the steps. I created such a video and submitted it along with the image of the article to Sider.





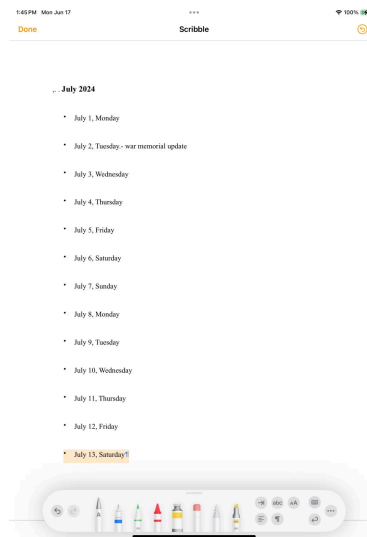
A few days later, [Sider](https://sider.ai/) See <https://sider.ai/>. updated. And I'm very pleased to announce that Sider works again! Thank you Sider for this valuable tool!

## Learning to Use Apple Pencil

Do you use a bullet journal? I've been using a paper and pencil journal to create a calendar of blog posts. However, I'd like to learn to use my new Apple pencil to create a digital list of posts.

So I tried Apple's Pages app with my Apple pencil

- Created a Word document on my Windows computer listing the dates and days for the month
- Saved the document to Dropbox
- Switched to my iPad and opened Pages
- Tapped Dropbox in the list of 'Locations'
- Navigated to the saved file
- Tapped the file to download file to iPad and open it
- Clicked on the EDIT button in the upper right
- Used my Apple pencil to write in the title of a blog post by the date (making sure 'Scribble' is turned on in the iPad settings for the pencil)



While the Pages app did exactly what I wanted, it created a copy of my original file but added the .pages extension. Thus, my Dropbox folder now has a file with the .docx extension and one with the .pages extension. That's two different files working in two different word processors.

All files

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2024-07-Blog-Calendar.pages in Genealogy

So, I could continue using my new Apple Pencil with Pages on my iPad each month and then save the final list as a PDF file OR I could figure this out using Microsoft Word on my iPad.

While the Apple pencil does work with Microsoft Word, it was not intuitive for me! I finally found some directions from Microsoft Insider that helped me figure out how to [convert the handwritten text to typed text](https://insider.microsoft.com/ja-jp/blog/converting-handwriting-to-text-with-scribble-in-office-mobile-apps-on-ipads). See <https://insider.microsoft.com/ja-jp/blog/converting-handwriting-to-text-with-scribble-in-office-mobile-apps-on-ipads>. The clue is that one is DRAWING and not writing. When I clicked on the DRAW tool and then selected the pencil tip with the A (for Apple Pencil), Word recognized my handwritten text and converted it to typed text.



After closing the Word document on my iPad I was able to open it on my computer and see the changes I had made. Thus, I will try using Microsoft Word on my iPad during July to see how I like the digital format versus my paper and pencil blog calendar.

Thanks for following along on this adventure to learn to use an Apple pencil

## Friday Find

Today's find is from the Emporia Gazette. I'm guessing my mother or my grandmother had saved this February 13, 1954 issue. On the front page is an article about my grandfather, E. O. Briles, leasing the Strand Theater.

### Strand Theater Lease Sold to E.O. Briles

#### Lyric Owner Also Buys Equipment and Plans to Take Over House March 31

Ed Dorrell, Emporia Fox Theaters manager, today announced that Fox Midwest Theaters had sold the lease on the Strand theater and the theater equipment to E. O. Briles, owner and operator of the Lyric theater. The deal is effective at the close of business March 31.

In confirming the deal, Mr. Briles said that the present Lyric theater will close the night of March 30, and that he would reopen in the Strand theater Saturday, April 3. The business will continue as the Strand theater.

Mr. Briles, who owns the present location of the Lyric at 505 Commercial, said the building probably would be remodeled and rented.

The change-over to the Strand will involve the moving of 300 theater seats from the Lyric to the Strand. These seats, nearly new, Mr. Briles said, are superior to the present Strand equipment. The Lyric projection equipment also will be moved to the Strand location. This equipment too, he says, is later and better equipment than that now used at the Strand.

Tentative plans for the Strand include double features about half of the time, and matinee performances probably each Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mr. Briles said that there would be little change in the film service and would be approximately what the Strand now has.

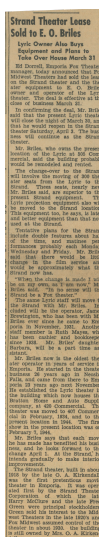
"When the change is made I will be on my own, as I am now," Mr. Briles said. "In no sense will the Strand be a Fox theater."

The same Lyric staff will move to the Strand with Mr. Briles. Included will be the operator, James Brewington, who has been with Mr. Briles ever since he came to Emporia in November, 1931. Another staff member is Ruth Mayes, who has been cashier and bookkeeper since 1938. Mr. Briles' daughter, Barbara, will be a part time assistant.

Mr. Briles now is the oldest theater operator in years of service in Emporia. He started in the theater business 26 years ago in Neosho Falls, and came from there to Emporia 23 years ago next November. He established the Lyric theater in the building which now houses the Bratton Home and Auto Supply company, at 420 Commercial. The theater was moved to 407 Commercial in February, 1934, and to the present location in 1944. The first show in the present location was on February 7, 1944.

Mr. Briles says that each move he has made has benefited his business, and he looks forward to the change April 1. At the Strand, he intends gradually to make interior improvements.

The Strand theater, built in about 1918 by the late O. A. Kirkendall, was the first pretentious movie theater in Emporia. It was operated first by the Strand Theater Corporation of which the late Harry McClure and the late Fred Green were principal stockholders. Green sold his interest to the Midwest Theaters in the late 1920's and Fox Midwest assumed control of the theater in about 1930. The building is still owned by Mrs. O. A. Kirkendall





## Saturday Tidbits

### News of Nemaha Countians in the Military

from the 13 Feb 1941 issue of the Courier Tribune (Seneca, KS)

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#### In National Guard; Wants to Be Citizen

Friedrich Herman Dienstbier, 28, Sabetha, was born in Germany, came to this country when he was but 10 years of age. He belongs to the Sabetha National Guard battery, is serving his adopted land by a year's training with the battery at Camp Joseph Robinson, Ark. Dienstbier some time ago applied for citizenship and will be eligible to take his final hearing in March court. It is not known here whether or not he will make arrangement to leave camp for the hearing.

**In National Guard;  
Wants to Be Citizen**

Friedrich Herman Dienstbier, 28, Sabetha, was born in Germany, came to this country when he was but 10 years of age. He belongs to the Sabetha National Guard battery, is serving his adopted land by a year's training with the battery at Camp Joseph Robinson, Ark. Dienstbier some time ago applied for citizenship and will be eligible to take his final hearing in March court. It is not known here whether or not he will make arrangement to leave camp for the hearing.

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## Saturday Night Genealogy Fun

Calling all [Genea-Musings](https://www.geneamusings.com/) See <https://www.geneamusings.com/>. Fans:

It's Saturday Night again –

Time for some more Genealogy Fun!!

Come on, everybody, join in and accept the mission and execute it with precision.

1) Marian B. Wood wrote a blog post, [Halfway Through 2024: Genealogy Progress and Plans](https://climbingmyfamilytree.blogspot.com/2024/06/halfway-through-2024-genealogy-progress.html) See <https://climbingmyfamilytree.blogspot.com/2024/06/halfway-through-2024-genealogy-progress.html>, to assess her progress to date in 2024. This is an excellent idea for an SNGF challenge.

2) How are you doing with your genealogy goals for 2024? If you did not make goals for 2024, what goals do you hope to achieve in the rest of the year?

I think this is something that I need to do on a MONTHLY basis. That way, I might stay on track. It also might help if I wrote 'Smart Goals'. While my list of [2024 goals](https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/01/01/2024-goals/) See <https://heartlandgenealogy.org/2024/01/01/2024-goals/>. is short, they can be time consuming. So, how am I doing?

## Purging Documents

This is a slow process, but each Friday I'm posting items from my paper files.

## Descendancy Research

This is also a slow and tedious process.

Since I sponsored a yDNA test for a supposed descendant of Alexander Crawford, I started researching his descendants. Most of that research was posted on this blog. I was hoping that the yDNA would show a relationship between Alexander Crawford and the James Crawford lines in Garrard county, Kentucky. Unfortunately, the person tested is not in the same group as the James Crawford families.

I'm currently working on descendants of Hampton Lillibridge Crandall. Thus, I still need to work on John Burke, Eli Bland and Edward Crawford Descendants.

## Crawford Research

**Pulaski and Rockcastle counties, Kentucky** — While I haven't thoroughly searched these counties, I have completed searches of the records for Alexander Crawford descendants.

**Lincoln County, Kentucky** –

- My research of Alexander Crawford led to a connection to the FISH family in Lincoln County.
- Deed research for John Crawford uncovered a connection to the Ellis and Bashford families.

**Montgomery and Botetourt Counties, Virginia**

- Thanks to the FamilySearch labs, I'm locating CRAWFORD deeds in these counties.

Besides my written goals, I have been successful at an unwritten goal: daily posts to this blog.

While I don't have an 'education' goal, I can claim 'success' at such a goal.

- Participated in virtual RootsTech
- Took a yDNA class
- Participate in Mondays with Myrt as time allows
- Learning to use AI tools

